



A youngster reads a prayer at the Western Wall at yesterday's ultra-Orthodox protest assembly against Friday night cinema screenings in Jerusalem. See story Page 2. (Rahamim Israeli)

If warplane project is halted

Peres fears political backlash

By ASHER WALLFISH
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Alignment leader Shimon Peres is concerned that one of the Likud's key themes in the next elections will be that his party's policies led to the emigration of trained academic and technical personnel.

Peres increasingly fears a political backlash if the Lavi warplane project is halted, according to a reliable source in his party. Although the foreign minister's main motivation in keeping the Lavi project alive is to enable the Israeli Aircraft Industries to maintain a technological level on a par with that of other countries, Peres has been warning his colleagues lately that the fall-out from those personally made redundant by closure will represent only part of the damage.

The Alignment leader is very unhappy that his sole support in his party's top echelon comes from Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almushino.

Peres had his second meeting in four days with Finance Minister Moshe Nissim yesterday morning.

and in the afternoon he went down to Tel Aviv for a tête-à-tête with Defence Minister Rabin, the Lavi's principal opponent.

Peres and Rabin are due to meet tomorrow with Prime Minister Shamir, and Peres is trying strenuously to bridge what seems like an unbridgeable gap with Rabin before the meeting. Rabin seems steadfastly resolved to shut down the Lavi project entirely and not entertain any half measures, according to his colleagues.

Peres and Rabin are bending over backwards to maintain cordial relations and to avoid friction over the Lavi issue. As the two top men in the older generation, whose place in the sun is not assured indefinitely, they hope to swim together, rather than let the Lavi sink them together.

Peres's colleagues label his policy on the Lavi as neither "yes" nor "no," but rather a third option, referred to jocularly in Hebrew as "half a cup of coffee and half a cup of tea."

It is not that Peres is latched on to the Lavi as such. The Lavi is not

Peres's plane. If anything it is the plane of Minister without Portfolio Moshe Arens's protégés. Peres is latched on to the Israeli Aircraft Industries as an industrial and technological complex and would be happy to keep the Lavi going on any other project.

But for all his good intentions, Peres has no firm proposal to put to Rabin to get his agreement on a joint policy for the Lavi, and no option to bring to next Sunday's cabinet meeting to counter the "no" proposal tabled by Rabin and Nissim and the "yes" of Shamir.

When Peres tells his Alignment colleagues how many Knesset seats they will lose at the next election if the Lavi is abandoned, their reply is clear and not encouraging. They say: "We have to tell the truth about the Lavi even if it hurts."

It is still not certain that the cabinet will get round to a vote on the project next Sunday. Peres, for one, is not in a hurry. The longer he waits the more he believes he can avoid a devastating blow to IAI. So (Continued on Back Page)

'Lavi about to die'

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Lavi jetfighter project is about to die. A scheme for scrapping the Lavi and saving the Israeli Aircraft Industries from a crisis, was the focus of intensive talks held yesterday by Vice Premier Shimon Peres, Finance Minister Moshe Nissim and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The scheme emerging from the talks is based on the scrapping of the Lavi in its present form, and involves a package being called "Lavi for the year 2000." The name is intended to help the IAI save face and persuade some of the project's supporters to back the new scheme. The package will consist of three main elements.

- Israel will participate in the development of the next generation of America's F-16 jetfighter. The Pentagon proposed such participation as long ago as 1986.
- The budget of IAI will be increased by \$100 million. This will finance basic research in future aircraft technologies — research for the "Lavi 2000." But research will also extend to some of the weapon systems the IDF needs. The extra \$100m. will come from American military aid which would be convertible into shekels for spending locally. The U.S. has offered to raise such funding from \$300 to \$400m. if the Lavi is scrapped.
- Israel will ask the U.S. to allow it (Continued on Page 9)

Congressmen's support

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and the pro-Lavi lobby yesterday received a boost from five U.S. congressmen, who assured Shamir that Congress would continue to support the Lavi programme if Israel decides to continue with it.

The five — Larry Smith, Charles Wilson, Gary Ackerman, Bob Torricelli and Mel Levine — wrote to Shamir on July 30 (the letter arrived only yesterday) that "the U.S. Congress has been a consistent supporter of the Lavi programme and will continue to support it should you decide to move forward with this programme."

The congressmen wrote that the aid authorization bill for the fiscal year 1988-89 "will provide \$450 million" for the Lavi.

The five congressmen stated that "vital decisions affecting Israel's future security (should) be left up to your...government."

U.S. Marine spy gets 30 years' jail

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — A military court sentenced marine Sergeant Clayton Lonetree to 30 years in prison for trading secrets for sex during the two years he guarded U.S. embassies in Moscow and Vienna.

After nearly three hours of deliberations, a jury of eight marine officers announced the 30-year jail term and said Lonetree would also be fined \$5,000, demoted to the rank of private and given a dishonourable discharge.

Dramatic action in locked-up plant

Soltam managers freed after being held as 'hostages'

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HAIFA. — Three members of the Koor management, who had been held hostage for 38 hours by angry workers at the Soltam arms and munitions plant near here, were set free late last night.

The three — general manager Yeshayahu Gavish, board chairman Amnon Gabry and Soltam general manager Elazar Barak — left the plant for the Haifa labour council offices for talks with workers' representatives to try to settle the dispute over plans to send staff on forced leave.

The release of the men was reportedly achieved through the intervention of Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar.

They had been locked up inside the Soltam plant, which is a Koor subsidiary, by representatives of the 1,000 workers being forced to go on leave because of the company's difficulties and its need to reorganize. The workers took the dramatic step of detaining the managers after returning from a five-week compulsory vacation. The managers had arrived at the factory on Sunday morning to explain the company's stand.

At three o'clock yesterday morning, when talks with the workers committee broke down, apparently over the pay the workers are to get during their lay-off, the three men were taken "hostage."

Gavish reportedly complained that the workers had abused the management's goodwill. He said they had come to the factory to meet the workers face-to-face and to talk over the situation. But Gavish said he would not call the police, noting that despite the discomfort, they had plentiful supplies of food and drink.

The workers had locked the factory gates on Sunday morning, angrily burning tyres and bringing up an armoured personnel carrier to block the gate.

During his "captivity", Gavish announced there would be no negotiations until the "hostages" were set free.

"We will not be forced into concessions," he stressed, noting that the Koor board, the owners of Soltam, had given them full backing.

Koor was doing the best it could to ensure the workers' future. It did not want to dismiss them if possible, but to get the factory going again next year.

Yokneam Mayor Ilan Gavrieli pleaded yesterday for Soltam to be saved, declaring that the whole township depended on the plant for its livelihood. He called on Koor to extend its civilian production lines to replace idled munitions lines and to bring other enterprises to Yokneam.

During the day, Histadrut secretary-general Yisrael Kessar summoned a special meeting of the labour federation's central committee to brief members on the crisis. He said that while he understood the workers' concern about their future, he could not agree to their actions and demanded the immediate release of the Koor management team.

Histadrut trade union department head Haim Haberfeld last week presented a number of alternatives to the workers. According to the plan, the majority of the workers would have a choice of one of five options: taking an enforced vacation until December 1987 while receiving up to 75 per cent of their regular salary; retirement; early retirement; accepting severance pay in return for resigning; or attending job-retraining schemes at the plant.

Kessar said this plan was formulated to allow Koor to find a solution

to Soltam's problems without firing workers.

Koor Industries, Israel's largest industrial conglomerate, operates under Hevrat Ha'Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company.

Knesset Member Rafael Eitan (Tehiya), who lives at nearby Tel Adashim, called in at the factory early yesterday morning on his way to the special Knesset session, hoping to mediate between the two sides. However, after hours of shuttle discussions between the management and workers' committee he gave up and carried on to Jerusalem.

Managers of other Koor concerns gathered at the conglomerate's Tel Aviv headquarters yesterday evening in a show of solidarity with their captive colleagues.

One speaker, Eli Gur, head of Koor's shoe division, called for direct action to free the hostages. "Talking is not enough," he said in calling for Koor to set a deadline for release of the executives.

But a Koor spokeswoman last night took a more conciliatory stance, saying that no deadlines were contemplated in working to resolve the dispute.

A statement issued by Koor said that if the hostages were released, management would be willing to enter into good-faith negotiations.

Meanwhile, the lock-in by the 119 workers of the Rom Carmel metal plant in Tirat Carmel in the Haifa area, continued yesterday into its second week. The Sunday meeting of the company's workers' committee with Premier Yitzhak Shamir brought no solution to the problems of the laid-off workers and they were in Jerusalem again yesterday to meet the Knesset labour committee. Rom Carmel's owners, the Ordan company, reiterated their determination to close down the plant because it was losing money.

5 bus bombers hanged in Syria

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Post Damascus Correspondent

Five men were executed in Damascus yesterday for involvement in a string of bomb explosions last year which prompted a crackdown on the Muslim Brotherhood underground.

Last year's internal tensions between the Syrian government and Muslim dissidents has given way to a period of relative calm, says Yossi Olmert of Tel Aviv University's Dayan Centre.

"At the moment it seems that the situation is under control, but it can erupt again any time." There could be another wave of attacks, followed by a Syrian clampdown. "The opposition takes some time to recover and start again."

Despite last year's events, the

Muslim extremists have not really come close to toppling Syria's Ba'ath regime since the late 1970s and early 1980s, Olmert said.

"It's a cyclical problem. Up and down. But the real challenge to the regime is the health of Syrian President Hafez al-Assad."

The five men executed yesterday were hanged at dawn after being found guilty of bombing eight buses in an attack that killed 144 people and injured 200, the official Syrian News Agency (Sana) reported.

The attack in April last year followed a massive explosion in Damascus in March, which killed about 200 people. The Syrians later executed the man held responsible for this attack.

In May, 1986, Muslim extremists

carried out another attack, on a railroad line linking Aleppo and Latakia, killing 140 people.

Yesterday's announcement of the executions noted that the five men, during their trial, had admitted to being "recruited and trained by the fascist Iraqi regime."

Such a reference reflects the ongoing tensions between Iraq and Syria despite recent Arab attempts to reconcile the two traditional rivals, says Olmert.

The current period of Syrian domestic calm could be partially due to a decline in Iraqi support for the Muslim extremists, he adds. Iraq may have lessened its funding for such groups in an attempt to wean Syria away from supporting Iran in the Gulf war, he said.

Romania won't mediate with Soviets on direct Jewish aliya flights

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The Romanian government last week refused Prime Minister Shamir's request that it act as an intermediary with the Soviet Union to facilitate the flight of Soviet Jewish emigres through Romania to Israel, sources in Jerusalem said yesterday.

The blunt Romanian position, Shamir told the cabinet on Sunday, was that this was a matter for direct Israeli-Soviet and American-Soviet talks. Sources here suggested that this stance followed signals received from Moscow.

Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu would be willing to help if agreement was reached through direct negotiations with Soviets, Shamir said last night in a speech to the members of the United Jewish Appeal Prime Minister's Mission.

"Ceausescu is prepared to cooperate with us in facilitating direct flights for Soviet Jews to Israel via Bucharest," Shamir said. His attitude is not shared, I am sorry to say, by other leaders in the Soviet bloc.

"We must find a way to enable those Jews who want to leave the Soviet Union to do so by direct flights to Israel. We need your full support in our efforts to achieve such direct flights. There is no contradiction between this and their freedom of choice. Those who want to go to the U.S. or other countries to join their families can now apply for permission."

Ceausescu is known to favour Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union via Romania in large part because of the dollar revenue it could provide for Bucharest.

Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsaur said yesterday that he was "not optimistic" about a substantial increase in Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union in the future. Tsaur said that his assessment was based on the Romanian message concerning direct flights and on the cancellation last week by the Soviets of a planned visit to Moscow by a group of prominent left-wing MKs, including Labour Party secretary-general Uri Baran.

Tsaur's assessment is that the Soviets will continue in the coming months to allow an average of 1,000 refusniks per month to emigrate, but no more. "Mass emigration will only be possible after direct, political talks between us and the Soviets," said Tsaur, implicitly linking this to negotiations on an international conference for Middle East peace.

Tsaur added, however, that the Soviets had recently announced that they would henceforward consider applications for family reunion sent by immediate family living in the U.S. as well as from Israel. Until now the Soviets had only accepted such applications for emigration on behalf of Jews resident in the Soviet Union from close relatives living in Israel.

Israel's Newest Citizens Wind Up Training at Boys Town



Glowing with pride, Rabbi Alexander Linchner, founder of Boys Town Jerusalem, bids farewell to two of "his" forty-four Ethiopian students prior to their being drafted for army service. They had recently graduated from a two-year vocational training course at Boys Town.

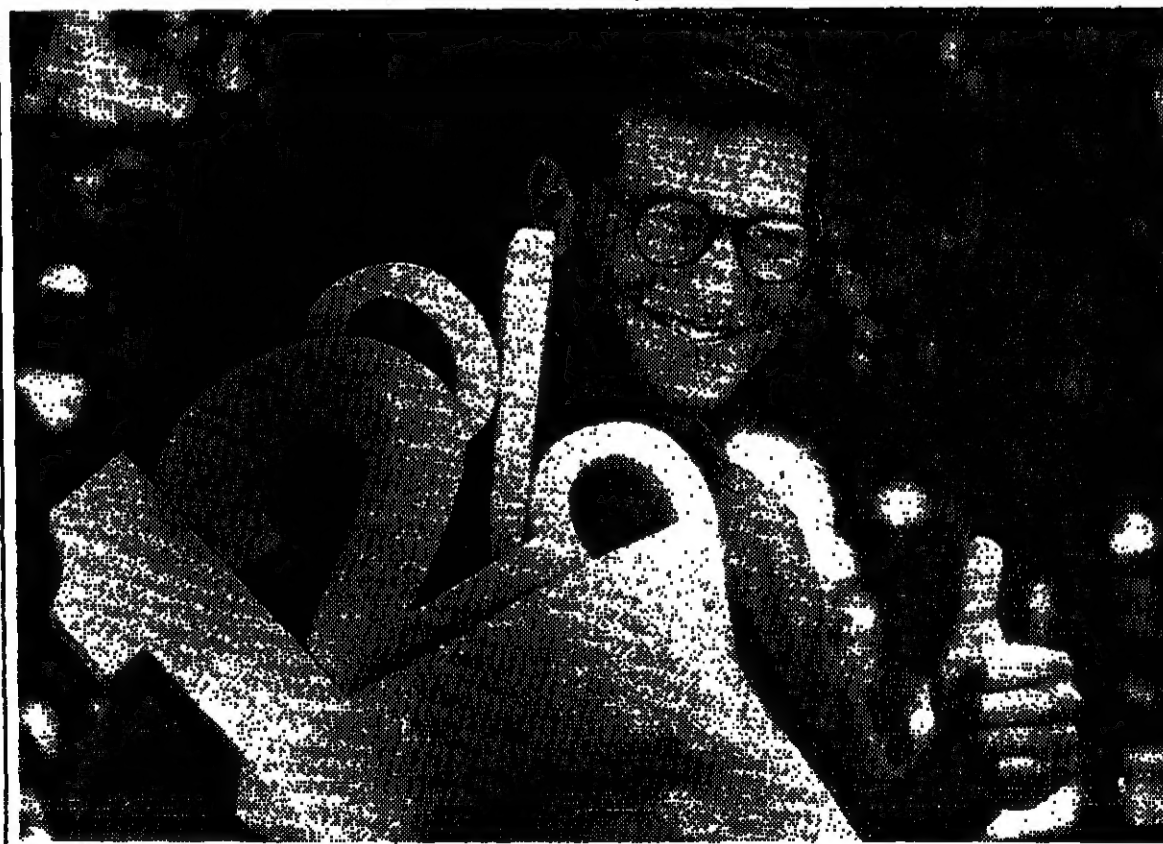
The Ethiopians arrived in Israel through Operation Moses. Most of them came from farm villages, and only a few had ever attended school before coming to Boys Town. In spite of having to adjust to a completely strange cultural environment, they made excellent progress, thanks to Boys Town's devoted teachers.

For many of the boys, Rabbi Linchner took the place of the father they left behind. Uri Tsagwi, 27, thought that the graduation was a milestone in his life, but, he said, "I wish my parents could have been here today. This was the saddest part for me."

The courses in carpentry, machine shop and printing were held in Boys Town's technical training centre where 1,500 students receive a Torah and Technological education. (Communicated)

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WUNSIEDEL (Reuters). - The family of Hitler's former deputy Rudolf Hess said yesterday he had been buried in a private ceremony, but they did not disclose the location of the grave.

Some hours before announcement of the funeral, the Hess family lawyer said Wolf-Ruediger Hess, 49, son of the former Nazi deputy chief, had suffered a stroke and was under intensive care in a Munich clinic. He had been found unconscious by his wife on Sunday night in their home, and doctors subsequently found evidence of a blood clot in his brain.

In another development, an Allied spokesman in West Berlin categorically declared that Rudolf Hess had hanged himself in a summer house at Spandau prison. He had written a brief suicide note on the back of a letter from his family dated July 20.

The shock statement of the burial was read out at a news conference by the Mayor of Wunsiedel. The small town had been preparing for a week for Hess's funeral in the family grave plot, originally scheduled to take

Site of grave not disclosed

Hess buried in 'private' funeral

place tomorrow.

Mayor Karl Walter said Hess's cousin Wieland telephoned him 50 minutes before the news conference with the information. Walter said he did not know where Hess was buried, and added, "He is not buried in our town...I am very surprised and I am not unhappy."

Hess family lawyer Alfred Seidl earlier told a Munich news conference that Hess, who died a week ago after being held in Allied custody for 46 years, would be buried in the family plot in Wunsiedel tomorrow.

The Hess family statement on the funeral said: "It was the last will of Rudolf Hess to be buried in the cemetery at Wunsiedel in fitting circumstances with his family present. In view of the developments there - over which the family had no

influence - we felt bound to fulfil this wish in the spirit. He was buried quietly."

The cemetery at Wunsiedel had been turned into a virtual fortress and the district appeared virtually under siege as hundreds of police were deployed to prevent Neo-Nazi demonstrations on the day of Hess's funeral.

The ashes of top Nazis who were hanged after the Nuremberg war crimes trial in 1946 were secretly scattered to prevent their graves becoming shrines for Nazi sympathisers.

An allied spokesman in West Berlin said he knew nothing of the secret burial. Secrecy had not been a condition of the allies' decision to hand over Hess's body to relatives, he

said, adding: "The burial is entirely in the hands of the family."

Earlier yesterday the four allies who guarded Hess - Britain, France, the Soviet Union and the U.S. - issued a statement saying that Hess, 93, had hanged himself.

The statement said Hess had used an electrical cord to hang himself in Spandau Prison, clarifying the circumstances of how the last surviving members of the Nazi leadership died. It said Hess apparently choked rather than broke his neck in the hanging attempt.

The statement came seven days after Hess was pronounced dead in a British military hospital in West Berlin.

An earlier allied statement last week said he had been found in a cottage in the prison ground with an

electrical flex around his neck, but stopped short of saying he committed suicide.

Seidl accused the allies of fuelling Neo-Nazi activity by their tardiness in explaining how Hess died.

"If any legends are to be made or a martyr is made of Rudolf Hess, then blame is not to be found with the family or anyone in West Germany," Seidl said. "The blame for this would fall on the four powers, who refused to release Rudolf Hess and allow him to die among his family."

Yesterday's allied statement, repeating that Hess had left a note clearly indicating he intended to take his own life, said, "The four powers have conscientiously carried out their obligations ever since the start of Hess's imprisonment in Spandau

more than 40 years ago...investigations into the details of Hess's death will soon be complete and a statement will be made," it said.

West German media have criticized the Allies for their slowness in releasing information, but officials of the Western powers point out all statements must first be agreed with the Soviet Union.

But the Soviet Union, which had vetoed several requests by its wartime allies to release Hess, did not endorse yesterday's statement.

In West Berlin, British troops moved in to guard Spandau jail as officials began preparations for its demolition.

U.S. troops had been guarding the former Prussian military fortress when Hess died on August 17, but it lies in the British sector of the former German capital.

The four powers have long agreed Spandau would be demolished after the death of Hess, its sole occupant for the last 20 years, to prevent the jail becoming a shrine for Neo-Nazis.

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Minivan surprises police

PERPIGNAN (Reuters). - French frontier police got a surprise when they checked a small van entering the country from Spain yesterday.

Sixteen Turks climbed out of the back of the Renault-4, one of the smallest commercial vehicles on the roads in France. The authorities had to call up two vans to take the 14 men and two women to the police station to be charged with entering the country illegally.

Gorbachev not going to U.S. in September

MOSCOW (Reuters). - A Soviet spokesman yesterday denied a report in the American press that Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev planned to visit the U.S. in September and hold talks there with President Ronald Reagan.

"He's not going - at least, it's not in his plans," Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennadiy Gerasimov told Reuters, supporting a similar denial by the U.S. Sunday.

Bombs in Athens

ATHENS (AFP). - Two homemade bombs exploded here last night, causing damage but no injuries, police said.

One of the bombs was placed at a police station and the other in the Greek Public Order Ministry building close to the capital's centre.

A hitherto unknown group, the "Christos Tsoutsouvis armed organization," named after the Greek extremist killed in a 1985 assault on police, claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement sent to an Athens daily.

World's smartest woman weds heart inventor

NEW YORK (AFP). - The bride was billed as the most intelligent person in the world. On Sunday she wed the inventor of the Jarvik artificial heart.

The guest list at the wedding of Dr. Robert Jarvik, 41, and Marilyn vos Savant, 40, included some of more than 60 recipients of the Jarvik heart which has been used to keep transplant patients going while they await a suitable donor heart from another human.

The new Mrs. Jarvik is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as having an IQ of 230 - the world's highest.

Canadian rail workers launch national strike

MONTREAL (Reuters). - Workers at Canada's two national railways went on strike early yesterday, shutting down freight and passenger services across the country.

The walkout of 48,000 workers came after contract talks between the railways and the union collapsed on Sunday.

Chinese troops battle blaze in train tunnel

BEIJING (Reuters). - More than 1,000 Chinese troops and firefighters battled a fire on a goods train laden with inflammable oils in a long rail tunnel in northwest China, the People's Daily said yesterday.

The newspaper said the fire in the 179-metre tunnel in remote Gansu province was still raging Sunday, as 21 out of 49 goods wagons carrying diesel oil, petrol and motor oil were engulfed by flames or inaccessible in the tunnel.

Ultimatum to 16,000 workers expires

3 killed in S. Africa mine violence

WELKOM, South Africa (Reuters). - Three black workers were killed in an upsurge of violence at South Africa's strike-hit gold mines and the owners yesterday called for negotiations before more people die.

One worker was killed at the world's biggest gold mine complex near Welkom as a management ultimatum to 16,000 men to return to their jobs or be dismissed expired.

Two others died in weekend clashes between strikers and miners wanting to resume work at another mine, Western Areas, south of Johannesburg, the owners said.

"We call on the NUM (National Union of Mineworkers) to come back to the table before more people die," Bobby Godsell, head of industrial relations at the Anglo-American mining conglomerate, told a news conference.

Anglo-American, which has been worst hit by the two-week-old dispute, again refused to disclose production losses. But Godsell said: "This strike has been a very expensive affair for us. I am very keen to bring it to an honourable end."

About 300,000 workers, campaigning for 30 per cent wage rises and other benefits, have backed the NUM's strike at half of South Africa's gold and coal mines.

Godsell said there were "decisive indications of a

return to work" following threats by the owners to close marginally profitable pits and dismiss tens of thousands of men.

At the President Steyn gold mine in Welkom, black workers, some bloodstained from their wounds, alleged that guards with loudhailers woke strikers before dawn and ordered them underground.

"We did not obey so they fired at us (with rubber bullets)," one injured miner said. The NUM said one man was killed and 14 wounded.

Anglo-American said the casualties occurred when men trying to go to work at President Steyn were "attacked by strike intimidators."

The latest death took the total killed in strike violence to six. The NUM said well over 250 of its members have been injured in clashes with police.

In a separate development, South Africa's only coloured (mixed-race) government minister, Allan Hendrickse, said he was resigning from the cabinet.

Hendrickse, a Minister without Portfolio, has clashed with President P.W. Botha over apartheid laws which segregate residential areas and public amenities according to race.

His departure leaves Indian minister Amichand Rajbansi as the only non-white in the cabinet.

Arabs not likely to sever Iran ties

TUNIS (Reuters). - Arab League ministers meeting to discuss the Gulf war are expected to adopt a hard line against Iran but without going so far as to recommend that Arab ties with Tehran be broken, delegates said yesterday.

The 21 Arab league members at the extraordinary council of ministers meeting were divided on a policy with radicals favouring a moderate stand and the moderates taking a tough line, they said.

Several Arab League foreign ministers have raised the possibility of a break in Arab-Iranian diplomatic relations, Tunisian Foreign Minister Hedi Mahrouk said.

The meeting would certainly urge the U.N. Security Council to apply sanctions against Iran for ignoring the council's appeal for an immediate ceasefire which Iraq has accepted.

The meeting resumed yesterday after a three-hour session Sunday and consultations throughout the night among delegates trying to hammer out a joint stand.

Moderates led by Saudi Arabia, whose Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal is presiding at the meeting, were taking a tough line with Iran. Faisal accused Tehran of "terrorist and destructive" actions against the Arab and Islamic worlds, particularly its neighbours in the Gulf.

Delegates said Libya, Kuwait, Jordan and the PLO among others had proposed an urgent Arab summit on the Gulf war. A full Arab summit has not been held for nearly five years because of inter-Arab disputes.

Kremlin 'tested' with 2nd issue of "Glasnost"

MOSCOW (Reuters). - Sergei Griгорьев, a former dissident turned independent editor, has published the second edition of his bulletin Glasnost, seen as a test of Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's openness policy.

The 184-page bulletin, five times as thick as the first edition which appeared last month, has been typed in dozens of copies by volunteers and contains articles on topics from emigration to the destruction of Soviet archives.

The journal has not yet received state approval but neither has its publication been prevented.

Pan Am hijackers appear in Pakistani court

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan (Reuters). - Five Palestinians accused of hijacking an American jetliner last year ended a boycott of their Pakistani trial yesterday but said they would continue a hunger strike against jail conditions.

The defendants were brought shackled and handcuffed to the courtroom inside the heavily guarded Rawalpindi central jail and sat on a wooden bench before the one-judge court.

But arguments over a defence challenge to the judge's jurisdiction delayed for the second day the start of the trial for the September 5 hijacking of the Pan Am jumbo jet at Karachi in which 22 people were killed and 100 injured.

The defendants said they began a hunger strike on August 10 to protest against being fettered and kept in solitary confinement for about a year. They have refused solid food but have been taking liquids, defence lawyers said.

Only one of the accused, identified as Salman Ali al-Turki, had come to the court on Sunday, but judge Syed Mohammad Zafar Babar said the trial could start with the defendants absent.

All five turned up yesterday, and Turki, acting as spokesman, told the court they would not try to escape if unshackled.

Austria ex-chancellor faces charges over Waldheim file

VIENNA (Reuters). - The Austrian Public Prosecutor's Office said yesterday it had been asked to bring charges against former chancellor Fred Sinowatz for abusing his authority in connection with the war file of President Kurt Waldheim.

A spokesman for the prosecutor's office in Vienna said the request for charges to be brought had been filed anonymously against the Socialist Party (SPOE) chairman and his former cabinet chief Hans Pusch.

The spokesman gave no further details about the charges. He said it was too early to say if Pusch and Sinowatz, who resigned as chancellor after Waldheim's election in June 1986, would be brought to court.

Sinowatz and Pusch deny accusa-

tions, mainly from the Conservative People's Party (OEPV), that they gained illegal access to files on the former UN chief for use against him in last year's presidential election campaign.

Waldheim, backed by the OEPV for president, denies allegations spearheaded by the World Jewish Congress that he was a member of Nazi organizations after Hitler annexed Austria in 1938 and that he was involved in war crimes by the German army in the Balkans.

Sinowatz was unavailable for comment yesterday, but SPOE General-Secretary Peter Schieder said there was no need for an official reaction as anyone in Austria could seek to bring charges against anybody.

More violence in South Korea

SEOUL (Reuters). - At least 10 workers were hurt in renewed South Korean labour violence yesterday when strikers at a machinery plant clashed with fellow-workers opposed to the stoppage, police said.

The police did not intervene in the pitched battle at Changwon, near Pusan in the south-east, which occurred as doctors carried out a post mortem on the body of a shipyard worker killed on Saturday during a violent confrontation between strikers and riot police.

There was no immediate confirmation of charges by his friends that Lee Suk Kyu was hit by a police tear-gas shell. Pathologists determined only that he died of internal bleeding.

With labour leaders and dissident groups organizing huge funeral ceremonies for Lee tomorrow near his workplace, the Daewoo shipyard on southern Koje island, government leaders met in Seoul to try to avert a recurrence of the turmoil that has swept the country since early July.

Reagan mystique fades in twilight of term

SANTA BARBARA (Reuters). - As Ronald Reagan begins the last phase of his presidency, he appears to have lost his political salesmanship skills. "Nobody wants to admit it, but we've got a caretaker situation," a former administration official said.

Reagan, whose youthful looks had belied his 76 years and status as the oldest president in U.S. history, has aged visibly in recent months. He is grayer and more wrinkled.

Although there has been no recurrence of the colon cancer for

which he underwent major surgery in 1985, Reagan has been treated for an array of minor health problems including prostate trouble, common among older men, and a non-deadly form of skin cancer.

In addition, he has had to deal with a series of emotional blows, including the deaths of close friends CIA director William Casey and commerce secretary Malcolm Baldrige, and the indictment of two former aides - Lyn Nofziger and Michael Deaver - on influence-peddling charges.

Public officials and independent analysts say all this, combined with the loss of public trust from the Iran-Contra scandal, is likely to keep Reagan from working the kind of political magic he had mastered earlier in his presidency.

"The easy days of governing are over for Ronald Reagan," in his last 17 months of office, wrote Washington Post columnist Richard Cohen. "Congress is controlled by Democrats, and the people, still affectionate toward this decent man, increasingly find him irrelevant."

Erosion of Reagan's political mystique was reflected in a Los Angeles Times poll published a few days after Reagan arrived in his home state of California for summer vacation.

Four-fifths of those interviewed said they did not pay much attention

to Reagan's August 12 speech in which he sought to reassert his leadership in the aftermath of Congressional hearings on the Iran affair. Fifty-seven per cent said the president's ability to lead had been diminished by the secret U.S. arms sales to Iran and diversion of profits to Nicaraguan Contras and 51 per cent said they did not believe Reagan's version of the affair.

The poll queried 2,040 American adults on August 14 to 19. Its sponsors said the opinion survey had an error margin of four per cent.

The former White House official, quoted earlier, said the poll's findings were foreshadowed by Reagan's failure to rally public support for an Economic Bill of Rights, a package of budget reforms unveiled with fanfare earlier this summer.

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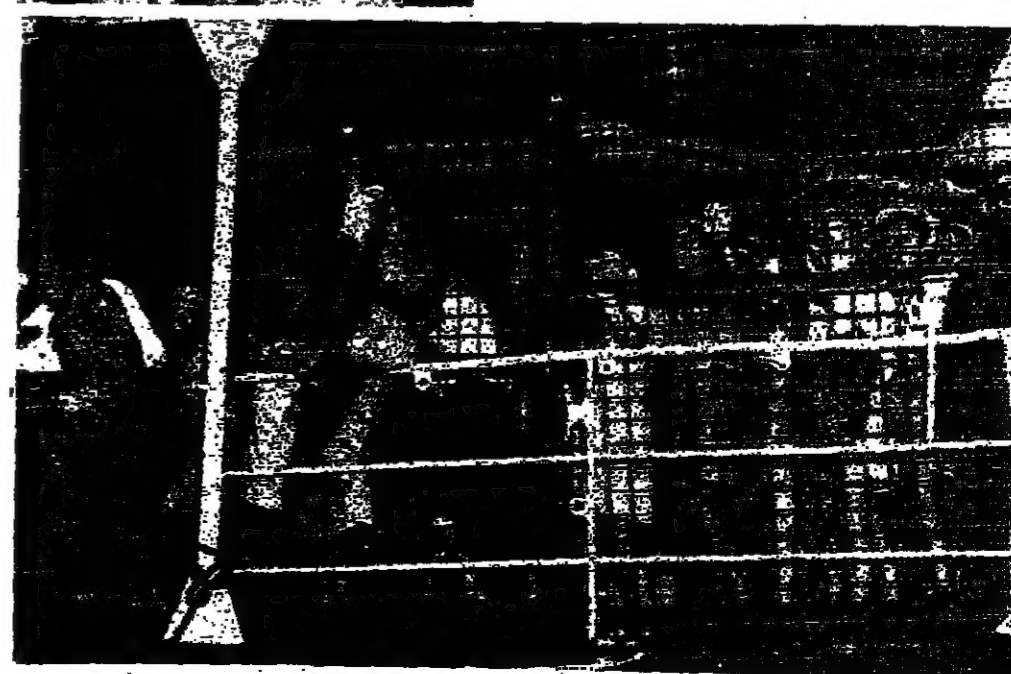
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Head lice bothered Bar Kochba's men, too

By JUDY SIEGEL
Post Science and Health Reporter

It isn't much consolation, but the head lice that are endemic to Israeli schoolchildren also apparently afflicted the warriors who fought with Bar Kochba in the Jewish revolt against Rome, 18 centuries ago.

Head lice and eggs have been found on combs (from the year 68 CE) in the Kuman caves - where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered - and combs in other nearby caves (from the year 135 CE).

Research carried out at the Hebrew University on hair and combs excavated in archaeological digs in the Judean Desert, the Negev and Masada will be presented to the Third Mediterranean Conference on Parasitology that opens in Jerusalem today.

The conference, sponsored by the Israel Society for Parasitology, will be attended by 100 foreign scientists and 50 Israeli experts.

Eight hair combs were examined by Dr. Kostas Muncunoglu of the Hebrew University's Kirin Centre for the Study of Infectious and Tropical Diseases and by Dr. Joe Zias of the Education Ministry's Department of Antiquities and Museums. Lice and lice eggs were found on eight of the 10 combs checked. On one comb, four head lice and 88 eggs were found, and on another the researchers counted 12 lice and 27 eggs.

They measured the ancient, long-buried lice and found that they were identical to the lice that infest heads today.

The conference was to have convened two years ago in Morocco, was cancelled when the Israel Society for Parasitology was told that the Moroccan organizers would not allow Israelis to attend.

The conference was rescheduled to take place this year in Israel.

No Egyptians have agreed to take part in the Hebrew University meeting, even though research carried out in cooperation with Egyptian scientists will be presented.

Among the topics to be discussed are parasitic diseases that affect humans and animals in the Mediterranean region; tests and treatment for malaria, and chemotherapy for parasitic diseases. The morning session on the last day will be in memory of Hebrew University Professor Saul Adler, who was a world-famous pioneer in tropical disease research.

Big cars brought in for a big mission: UJA 'assault' on Jerusalem

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
A column of 25 IDF command cars "invaded" Jerusalem yesterday carrying 150 big contributors who had just arrived for the annual United Jewish Appeal Prime Minister's Mission. But many of the donors would have preferred a more comfortable way to enter the city.

The three-day mission which kicks off the 1987-88 UJA campaign in the U.S., began by retracing the steps of the soldiers who fought to open the road to Jerusalem in 1948. Israel's struggle for independence is one of the major themes of the mission, which will visit various military installations in addition to projects of the Jewish Agency and Joint Distribution Committee funded with UJA dollars.

After arriving on a supersonic Concorde, the mission participants went to the old British police fortress at Latrun. There they climbed aboard command cars for a ride on the "Burma Road." Each car was specially cleaned and cushioned for the occasion, and the road itself was smoothed over and watered down to

keep the dust from being kicked up. Veterans of the battle for the road to Jerusalem accompanied each car and explained the sites along the way. Among themselves the old soldiers swapped stories of their 1948 exploits, and boasted about how many grandchildren they had.

After two hours of the bump and grind along dirt paths and narrow roads up to Jerusalem, opinions among the group of \$100,000-plus donors were sharply divided about the experience. To some it was "ridiculous," but to others it was "terrific."

To Meyer Gold of New Jersey, however, it brought back memories of World War II. "I drove a car just like this in the Russian Army," he recalled. "When the Russians came into our town in Poland at the beginning of the war they took me away to the army and the whole town cried for me. But I was the only one who survived."

About yesterday's ride in a command car, Gold said that it was a "stupid idea."

Another passenger in his car

asked why so much of the mission programme was taken up with military briefings and rides on command cars, missile boats, helicopters and Hercules air transports.

"There's a lot of this on other missions too," he said, "and donors begin to get the idea that our UJA money goes to the military, which is not the case."

"That's the kind of thing American Jews like," replied one of his fellow donors.

UJA president Stanley Horowitz explained that a large part of the mission programme is devoted to visits to UJA-funded projects, and that the military parts of the programme are important for giving people a well-rounded view of life in Israel.

After the ride, one of the IDF drivers commented: "It's good for them to get shaken up a little. Let them see what it's like for us. Better yet, let them send their children over here to share this burden with us."

While Horowitz and his UJA forces were making their "assault" on Jerusalem, Horowitz himself



UJA mission arrives on a special Concorde flight.

came under attack at the weekly meeting of the World Zionist Organization Executive. The WZO is a partner with the Diaspora fundraising bodies in running the Jewish Agency.

The discussion in the meeting fo-

cused on Horowitz's critical views of the Agency, which were published in last Friday's *Jerusalem Post*. Horowitz proposed that the UJA fund more "new and exciting" projects outside the Agency, which he said was increasingly viewed as

"irrelevant" to Israel's main problems.

Agency-WZO Chairman Arye Dulzian plans to meet with Horowitz and other UJA leaders this week to discuss UJA-Agency relationships, according to Agency sources.

Anti-Aids clinic opening up

By JUDY SIEGEL
Post Science and Health Reporter

Free syringes for drug addicts and free condoms and low-cost blood tests for the detection of sexually transmitted disease will be available at Kupat Holim Clalit's Neve Sha'anani clinic in Tel Aviv from tomorrow.

The project is a combined effort of the Israel Aids Task Force and the health fund. Applicants will be checked by a health fund doctor and have blood tested for Aids antibodies, syphilis and gonorrhea. The blood will be checked at Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot, with the results available after four or five days. The test costs NIS 20, but is free for conscripted soldiers and people

under the age of 18.

A volunteer will be present at the Aids Task Force centre in Tel Aviv, 61 Rehov Yesod Hama'ala, near the central bus station, to answer questions. The centre will be open from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. but the hours may be extended according to need.

The task force runs support groups for people found to carry Aids antibodies or who are victims of the disease as well as for relatives of people who have died from Aids. The groups are run by a psychologist or social worker and confidentiality is carefully guarded.

An open phone line operates on Mondays from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at (03)203121 or 290101. The mailing address is POB 33602, Tel Aviv.

Progressive Movement kindergarten

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A kindergarten is to be established at the start of the new school year at the Jerusalem-based headquarters of the Israel Union for Progressive Judaism.

An official of the IUPJ, Menahem Leibovich, told journalists yesterday that in addition to the kindergarten a first-grade class of an elementary school might be opened.

It is intended to add a class each year, until "we have a kindergarten, elementary school and high school."

In the case of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, the chicken came before the egg. The WUPJ's Hebrew Union College, a tertiary-level institution, has been functioning here for more than 20 years. The children of some of its students and graduates will be the nuclei of the new kindergarten.

Russian Orthodox prelate voices concern about church properties

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Doubts about the motives of the visiting Soviet consular group mission in taking inventory of the Russian Orthodox Church property here was voiced this week by Father Victor S. Potapov, rector of the Russian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Washington D.C.

Speaking in Jerusalem at a celebration of the 104th anniversary of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in the holy city, Potapov said that it was ironic that an atheist regime is concerned about the holdings of the Russian Orthodox Church.

"Our church," declared Potapov, "is a thorn in the side" of the Soviet Union, "and they would love to see the day when they could take away our holdings."

A large part of the real estate belonging to the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission was handed over to the Moscow Patriarchy by the Israeli authorities in 1948. Potapov said that properties such as the Russian Compound, the Holy Trinity Cathedral and a convent at Ein Kerem in Jerusalem, together with Magdala on the Sea of Galilee, "were unlawfully confiscated and handed over to the Soviets."

However, most of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission's properties remained in what was Jordanian territory till 1967. The Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia is worried that its remaining holdings may be confiscated should diplomatic ties between the USSR and Israel be renewed.

These holdings, according to Father Potapov, include a convent on the Mount of Olives, another at Gethsemane, a monastery in Hebron, two properties in Jericho, the Cave of the Prophets, and the headquarters in Jerusalem of the Orthodox Palestine Society, founded 105 years ago.

Contrary to what is generally believed, said Potapov, the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission acquired many lands and buildings "without the support of the Russian Imperial Government." Such acquisitions were made "with the pennies of pilgrims and believers."

The Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia will have no relationship with the Moscow Patriarchy "until we are fully convinced that the Church of Russia enjoys full independence and does not act on the dictates of the Soviet government," said Potapov.

Music Centre

The Samuel Baron concert at the Jerusalem Music Centre will take place on Thursday night at 7:30, and not tonight.

OLDEST. - John Evans, listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the oldest man in Britain, celebrated his 110th birthday with a crowd of relatives and friends last week in Swansea, Wales.

Nahariya surgeons replace major bone in boy's leg

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAHARIYA. - Surgeons at the government hospital here yesterday performed a bone transplant on the leg of a seven-year-old Druze boy. Almost the entire length of the child's femur, the main upper bone in the leg, was removed.

The replacement bone was flown in from the University Hospital of Miami because Israel does not have a bone bank.

The complex operation, which lasted several hours, appeared to have been completed successfully, according to deputy hospital director Dr. Moshe Daniel.

He said it was the first time in Israel that this type of implant had

been performed on such a young child.

Daniel explained that the boy suffered from fibros-displasia, a disease which destroys the bone and leaves the tissue fibrous and pliable. The disease was confined to the femur of the left leg. As a result the affected leg was badly deformed and was seven centimetres shorter than the other.

The disease was diagnosed by biopsy a year ago. In the meantime the deformity got progressively worse.

The hospital sent X-rays of the bone to the Miami hospital in order to find a suitable replacement in terms of size and age.

The replacement bone was flown

in early yesterday morning and collected from Lod airport by the boy's father, who brought it to the hospital.

Daniel said they had been unable to find a suitable replacement bone in Israel because of the dearth of donors. He did not know how much the cost of obtaining the bone would be.

The operation was performed by a specially-trained team, led by Dr. Moshe Rothman, who himself trained under leading orthopaedic surgeon Dr. David Mendes of the Rothschild Hospital in Haifa.

Daniel said the operated leg would still be four centimetres shorter than the boy's other one, but in

time it was expected to grow to the same size.

"In the case of these type of bone transplants there is no problem of rejection," said Daniel.

"Only the diseased section of the femur was removed leaving some bone tissues at either end. These contain the regeneration cells, which will knit the replacement bone together and continue the growth process after a period of about two years."

Daniel noted that there was no medical cure for fibros-displasia, and without the transplant the deformity and attendant pain would have progressively worsened, although without spreading to other parts of the boy's body.

Victims of dread diseases may get help from maths models

By JUDY SIEGEL
Post Science and Health Reporter

Computer and mathematical models may help improve the responsiveness of Aids patients to the experimental drug AZT and of cancer sufferers to some forms of chemotherapy.

The technique has been developed by Dr. Zvia Agur, an expert in mathematical biology at the Weizmann Institute, in Rehovot. She believes she has discovered a "critical factor" for determining the most effective way to schedule the administration of these drugs. Using her calculations, Dr. Bilha Schechter and Prof. Arnon of the institute's chemical immunology department have conducted test-tube experiments with tumour cells treated with an anti-cancer drug. The results so far support Agur's theoretical model and are very encouraging. Experiments on rats are currently under way. The two immunology researchers are also trying to find out if AZT - a drug being used in efforts to kill the Aids virus - is less toxic to the sufferer when administered at intervals plotted by Agur.

AZT and some chemotherapy drugs act by poisoning cells when they divide. They can also kill normal cells, especially in the bones and liver, which multiply rapidly, like diseased cells. But the reproduction cycle of cells infected by Aids and cancer differs in length from that of normal cells, and is more variable than that of normal cells.

Therefore, Agur reasoned, fewer normal cells would be killed if large drug doses were given when only the diseased cells were dividing, instead of at random.

Today, the experimental drug AZT, as well as anti-cancer drugs, are usually given at arbitrary intervals or kept at high levels, long enough to kill every cancer cell or Aids virus when it starts to multiply. If the doctor wants to reduce damage to normal cells, he cuts the dosage, but then the



Dr. Zvia Agur of the applied mathematics department at the Weizmann Institute

malignant cells can become resistant to the drug.

Agur notes that the application of medical models to medicine is not new, as mathematicians have for some time realized that body processes can be described in equations that can be used to make predictions. She hopes to uncover more strategies to lower the risks of drug treatment.

UK cover-up alleged in entry of SS men

By DAVID HOROVITZ
LONDON. - Numerous former SS officers suspected of committing atrocities in Eastern Europe were allowed into Britain in 1947 and evidence of their Nazi past was covered up by the Foreign Office, according to reports published here.

In two articles in *The Times* last week, respected journalist and author Tom Bower said that British government documents revealed that none of the 8,000 Ukrainians and 1,000 Baltic nationals brought to Britain from Italy in 1947 were screened or interviewed about their wartime activities. "Yet it was officially claimed that there had been a thorough screening procedure."

Bower added that alleged Nazi war criminal Antanas Gecas was among the 1,000 Balts brought to Britain in 1947 to replace returning German POWs as agricultural workers.

Gecas is one of three alleged Nazis currently under Home Office investigation.

According to Bower, a routine medical check of many of the Balts in Britain in late 1947 showed that "they all bore small tattoo marks under their arms."

The Polish-born examining doctor sent a report on the tattoos to the Foreign Office, explaining that the indecipherable marks indicated that the Balts had been SS officers.

According to Bower, the Foreign Office "organized the suppression of these revelations," ordering the doctor to make sure his future reports were of "a medical and not a political nature."

The majority of the Balts eventually applied successfully for British citizenship, reported Bower, "including those who had been SS officers, like Gecas."

Most of the Ukrainians settled in Canada, the U.S. and Australia.

Several of them are currently under investigation by government agencies in those countries.

As for the 1,000 or so Ukrainians who remained in the UK, several have been named by the Soviet Union in connection with alleged wartime atrocities.

Menachem Shalev adds:

Israel's Foreign Minister, Shimon Peres, said after a meeting with a delegation of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre last month that "it is Britain's responsibility to try Gecas, but if the British won't, we will."

But Justice Ministry officials who have reviewed the Gecas file have concluded that unless the Soviet Union allows eye-witnesses against Gecas to travel here to testify, he

could not be convicted if tried. In addition, the British-Israeli extradition treaty does not permit Gecas to be extradited to Israel.

Officially, the Justice Ministry stated that it had yet to decide how and whether to proceed in the Gecas case.

The Wiesenthal Centre alleges that Gecas took part in the killing of Jews while serving as an officer in the 12th Lithuanian Police Battalion. He has admitted serving in the unit, but denies allegations of war crimes, claiming that Soviet authorities are trying to frame him.

Efraim Zuroff, director of the Wiesenthal Centre's Jerusalem branch, said last night that the British government was expected to reach a decision on Gecas within two weeks.

'Grand Restaurant' sitcom begins 3rd season of shooting

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Shooting of the third season of *The Grand Restaurant*, the most enduring of locally made sitcoms, began yesterday at Tel-Ad Studios in Jerusalem. The series, co-produced by Tel-Ad and Israel Television, enjoys wide popularity in neighbouring countries as well as in Israel.

Guest star of the first of the 10 new episodes is comedienne Tzipi Shavit, who plays an overweight actress who tries to commit suicide because she loves food but is always dieting. Basam Zuamut, the show's gregarious chef whose role in *Restaurant* has made him a star in Israel's entertainment galaxy, tries to comfort her. A burly 120 kg, himself, he tells her that he too is perpetually on diet.

Shavit agreed to appear in the series "because this is farce at its best."

The Israel Broadcasting Authority's contribution to each episode is \$12,000, which barely covers the costs. It does not include Zuamut's outside costume, which the IBA refuses to recognize as a special expense.

If Haili Hazodi, the mute waiter in *Restaurant*, looks as if he knows

what he is doing, it's because in real life he is the proprietor of a restaurant, inside Jaffa Gate.

New customers who recognize him when they enter the premises are often amazed to hear him talk.

Reaction by both Arab and Jewish audiences has been favourable, to the delight of *Restaurant*'s originator and scriptwriter, Eli Sagi.

He says that any initial doubts he had about having an international, intercultural cast play to an international intercultural audience have disappeared. He would like to introduce more Arab characters, he says, but there is a dearth of Arab players.

The few professionals in Israel and the territories are great at drama, but hopeless at comedy - and he needs comedians. He is happy about one thing, though - his insistence from the very beginning that his Arab characters should be well dressed and well mannered in order to get rid of the stereotyped screen image of "Ahmed and his donkey."

For all its popularity, *Restaurant* is not a profitable venture. Tel-Ad director-general Raanan Dinar estimates the deficit to be around \$84,000.

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AT A TIME when Jews - many of them professed Zionists - throughout the world do not seem to cast their lot with their fellow Jews in Israel, it is a refreshing experience to encounter a small but resolute community that is determined, even at the risk of imprisonment, to come to Zion. I refer to the tenacious group of refuseniks whom I met in the Soviet Union recently.

These are Hebrew-speaking Russians, some religious, the majority secular, generally in the 20-40 age bracket, who are united in their determination to live out their lives in Israel. They are not naive. They know perfectly well what awaits them here, but for all its failings, this country exerts a strong pull upon them.

They are a minority within a minority within a minority. They are the 10-15,000 refuseniks, a minority of the half-million Russian Jews who would leave the USSR and settle in the West if given the chance. This larger group is a small minority of the 2,500,000 Jews who live in the Soviet Union, most of whom will remain and probably be assimilated over the years.

It is a Hebrew speaking - sometimes painfully so - minority. Jewishly self taught. It is a bud that has blossomed in the bleak, frigid waste of anti-ethnic, anti-religious, anti-democratic and anti-Semitic prejudices of the ruling Soviet classes.

We wanted to be with them, even briefly, to let them know that they are not alone, to hear of their needs, of their appraisal of the situation, and learn how the Jews of the Free World can be of help. We actually needed them for our own peace of mind as much as they need us.

Our first contact with the authorities came at Moscow airport where we disembarked from our Aeroflot plane - the world's safest airline, according to Pravda - and made our way to the customs. Only a handful of the passengers left the terminal at Moscow. The rest in the main, were Asians on their way to their home countries, travelling via the cheapest airline in the world.

A surly official ordered me to open my suitcase. On spotting a number of children's booklets to be coloured in and Mother Goose stories in Hebrew, he promptly announced, before even examining them, that they were "anti-Soviet," and confiscated them. "Yiddish?" he inquired holding a book upside down.

"Yes," I replied, hoping that Yiddish would be more acceptable than Hebrew.

"Anti-Soviet!" he intoned. He counted the number of items - 31 all told - wrote down the number, told me that I could pick them up on my way out of the country, and asked me to sign a receipt.

I wasn't going to leave the terminal without those books. "This is against the Soviet constitution, the Helsinki agreement, international law, and all human rights," I told him, and announced I wasn't budging from the airport without them. I sat there for two hours while various officials appeared from time to time to demand that I sign the receipt. I thought of Shadrach and Yosef Begun. If they could hang on to their books of Psalms and their Hebrew dictionaries for years in Soviet penal camps, I could sweat for a few hours in an airport.

In the end we reached an agreement. They would bring an interpreter to inspect the books. If there were any anti-Soviet material, they could keep them. I would pick up the books within three days. I signed and left.

"No way," the refuseniks informed me when I told them of the encounter. "You'll only waste a day at the airport, for they won't return them, if at all, until you leave the country."

PARADOXICALLY, books in English, no matter what the subject, all passed customs automatically, including a volume published by the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee in Washington entitled *Questions and Answers on the Middle East Conflict*, which I was carrying for a leading refusenik whom I knew was getting a lot of flak on Israel from the authorities. All religious items - *Talmud*, *mezuzot* and even Bible - were allowed in.

There was a curious sequel to this incident. We flew from Vilna to Riga with a group of American women, early childhood educators who had been invited to an international conference on the theme "Cooperation in the Name of Childhood." They were to discuss with their Soviet counterparts ways in which the exchange of children's art would make for better understanding between the two peoples.

When I mentioned to the chairman that we had had some experience at the Moscow airport on the subject of art for children, her response was "well, they have their practices and we have ours, and we have to learn to accommodate each other." I pointed out to her that a nation is not totally immune from criticism on what takes place within its borders, and cited Hitler telling the world that what went on inside Germany was Germany's business and nobody else's.

When I suggested that her group might like to press for the rights of all children - even Israeli children - to engage in international art exchanges, she bristled and hurried off. Apparently all children are equal, but some are more equal than others.

The two weeks in the three cities were filled with encounters that touched the heart, but perhaps the most traumatic was a demonstration held by about 40 refuseniks on Holocaust Day in front of the Tass building in the centre of Moscow. Silently, and with great dignity, they stood in a single line facing a jeering crowd laced with KGB agents. They carried placards hung from their necks, asking for the right to join their families in Israel, emphasizing that they did not possess any state secrets. Thanks to the presence of foreign newsmen, the demonstrators were not molested, although I understand that many of them were visited privately in their homes by the KGB later in the day.

From the Tass building the demonstrators made their way, joined by some 300 to 400 Jews, to the cemetery on the outskirts of the city where Jewish activists, citing the losses they had sustained at the hands of the Nazis and on the battlefronts during the war, demanded the right to join their fellow Jews in Israel. It was the first mass public demonstration of its kind by Jews in the Soviet Union.

TWO OTHER gatherings stick in the mind. My friend Yossi and I met with a group of 30 academicians, most of whom had been fired from their posts when they requested permission to emigrate to Israel, and who were now employed in various demeaning jobs. They meet once a week to hear a lecture given by members on a rotating basis. Despite the hardships, they try to keep their minds alive.

With the help of a running translation from Alexander Lerner, I listened to a superb presentation by



Leonid Eliezer Yossipovich and his family demonstrate on Holocaust Heroes and Martyrs Remembrance Day in Moscow's Tass Square. Yossipovich was then in the 39th day of his protest hunger strike for the right to emigrate and go to Israel.

Not so silent Jews

Leonard Whartman, an American correspondent, was heartened, during a recent visit to the Soviet Union, by the spirit of those Jews who yearn for Zion. Subsequently in Jerusalem he met a few who had managed to make it.



Yosef Begun reads a declaration at the memorial service for the Holocaust at the Moscow Jewish cemetery. Next to him is Lev Ovsicker. (Photos by the author)

Leonov Arkady of a theory he and two other social scientists had developed to forecast human behaviour under given conditions. That little group of scientists, sitting in the gathering dusk in a tiny, cramped salon in the Russian capital, symbolized for me the indefatigability of the human spirit. They were standing fast, each supporting the other, in their determination not to conform as, alas, most of their colleagues had done.

The other encounter was a meeting with university students and recent graduates who were studying Middle East languages. About half seemed to be newly Orthodox Jews, a phenomenon that seems to be spreading as Jews seek, sometimes in exaggerated ways, to affirm their identity. Yossi addressed the group on Jewish-Arab relations, and I dis-

cussed the religious scene in Israel.

There was a marked schism between the secular and the Orthodox students. I tried to bridge the gap by explaining that there was a large area between secularism and fundamentalism where a religious Jew could feel spiritually comfortable. Unfortunately, they know of the clash between the secular and the Orthodox in Israel. Like most Jews from Eastern Europe, (and Moslem states, for that matter) they are not aware of religious alternatives, and they in all probability will bring their kulturkampf with them when and if they get to Israel.

The memories come flooding in: reciting *Kabalah Shabbat* at the home of recently freed Begun, the Jewish invalid, decorated for valor in the war, who showed us the grave of the Vilna Gaon, sadly observing

that the Soviets had given him everything he needed except what he wanted most - the right to leave for Israel.

Then, there was the woman who had come with her daughter to Riga to take leave of her relatives who had secured an exit permit. She began crying, telling us that her husband, a Jewish psychiatrist, would never let her leave, and was always rebuking her for giving a Zionist education to their children. "Every day I have to get up before my high school class," declared the woman, an English teacher, "and tell lies about the great Soviet Union and the brave Latvian people..." (The Soviets have tightened regulations lately adding brothers and sisters to fathers, mothers and children who must give permission to a relative wanting to leave for Israel.)

I also visited the small Rais family in Vilna. A physicist, Vladimir was fired from his teaching post at a leading academy when he applied for permission to go to Israel, and is now a part-time postman. A few hours after we had left them, they were visited by the army who were pressuring the young father to be a conscript. Once that happens, Vladimir will automatically be barred from emigration on the grounds that he possesses state secrets.

Indeed, so technologically backward is the USSR that a popular joke in Moscow has it that the greatest state secret of all is that there are no state secrets to reveal.

I remembered the visit to the Museum of Atheism in Vilna, a converted cathedral, devoted to showing how religious beliefs, how unscrupulous clerics capitalized on the superstitions and fears of ignorant peoples, and how, of course, Communism has freed the enslaved mind of man. Prominent among the exhibits, of course, was one on Judaism. The barbaric symbols of this primitive, dangerous religion, as displayed behind glass, included a Tora scroll, a curtain for a Holy Ark, *mezuzot*, *tefillin* and other ritual objects.

THEN CAME the visits to synagogues after that horrific museum. Being honoured with *mafir* in the Riga synagogue and chanting the *hallel* with its unequivocal message: "Thus saith the Lord: I am the first and I am the last, and besides Me there is no God... I have formed thee, O Israel, thou shalt not forget Me..."

Over the ark in Riga was inscribed in Hebrew, "Blessed art Thou who did not consign me to the teeth of the devourers." When I pointed out to the sexton that 85,000 Jews, almost the entire population of Riga, had been slaughtered by the Nazis and their Latvian accomplices, he replied philosophically, "Some of us remained."

There is no memorial to the martyred Jews of Vilna and Riga. At the site of the mass graves in the woods at Ponar and Rumbula, just outside these cities, there is only an inscription mentioning that here are buried the Lithuanian and Latvian victims of the savage Nazi invaders. On reaching over to place a stone on the grave at Rumbula, after having recited the *kaddish*, I was horrified to see that I had picked up the fragment of a human bone.

One man who, unlike his fellow Latvians, had snatched Jews from the jaws of death was Jan Liebbe, an invalid of World War I who had smuggled 42 Jews out of the Riga ghetto, concealed them in his home, and later spirited them to safety. He had planted a tree at Yad Vashem. Riga refuseniks, who were helping him with farming chores, took us to his home where he and his wife, also an invalid, were living with their brain damaged son. Hooligans had broken into his home, attacked him and injured his son. Jan, I learned shortly after our return to Israel, had died a few days after our visit.

IN MEETING the refuseniks, my first question was: what is new? Have there been any changes since Gorbachev took over?

The Jews were cynical. "So far nothing much has changed. There's a lot of talk about *glasnost*, but we're still waiting for our exit permits."

Despite their cynicism some things have changed. When I left, only one refusenik was still imprisoned, and shortly after I returned, I learned that Yuri Edelstein had been released and had come to Israel with his wife. A number of long-time

refuseniks have been permitted to leave. Apparently the Russians want to get rid of the hard-core incorrigibles.

Unlike a number of our predecessors, I had not been tailed, nor were we turned away by the police when we went to visit refuseniks in their homes. Our hosts were surprisingly free in the manner in which they spoke, even on delicate subjects.

I was more optimistic than they. From what I could gather in the Free World, I told them, Gorbachev was sagacious enough to grasp that if he wanted to turn the faltering Russian economy around, he had to urgently get technology and trade from the West. He was perceptive enough to realize that, as far as the Americans were concerned, the road to Washington led through Jerusalem. I would not be surprised if emigration were to return to the levels of the Seventies when it peaked at 52,000 in a single year.

The refuseniks were upset that Bronfman and Abrams of the World Jewish Congress and the Association of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations had been prepared to settle for the emigration of some 11,000 Jews a year. They had counselled Russian Jewry during their visit not to make waves, that Jews abroad were conducting quiet diplomacy on their behalf with the Kremlin. "At that rate," moaned the refuseniks, "we'll never get out." They view the Jackson-Vanik amendment as their chief weapon, and recommended its repeal - under no circumstance its repeal - when Russia began to open its door in earnest to those wishing to leave.

THE GATE from Russia opened for us at Moscow airport after two short weeks. An overly prying KGB man at the checkout counter kept harrying me with hostile questions: Do you meet anyone in the Soviet Union? ("Of course. We shook hands with everyone on the street. Very friendly people.") Did you get any messages to take with you to the U.S.? ("Certainly. The Soviet people send their goodwill to all peoples abroad, and their hopes that they will be soon freed from their chains.")

After a quarter hour of this harassment I lost my temper. I told him I wasn't going to answer any more questions, and unless he delivered to me the books they had confiscated, I was going to call the American Embassy. With no further delay he produced the books and I passed through the gate.

On the return flight to London, this time with British Airways, there was obvious tension among many of the passengers. The captain, who had invited me to sit in the cockpit, told me that he was always uneasy at Moscow airport. Once a jeep had roared up to his plane which was standing ready for departure and an officer demanded that he open the door. Soldiers removed a passenger, kicking and screaming, from the plane. "What did you do?" I asked him.

"We refused to move," he replied, "until the passenger was returned. Aboard the plane, this is sovereign British territory. We waited for several hours and then were instructed from London to take off."

It was only after the captain had informed the passengers over the loudspeaker that the plane had left Soviet airspace that tension subsided. The words of Joseph in an Egyptian prison came to mind: "Mention me to Pharaoh, for I was stolen away, and have done nothing that they should put me in this dungeon."

America's 'United Church' concedes Judaism's validity

WALTER RUBY/New York

THE UNITED Church of Christ has become the first major American Protestant denomination to state formally that Judaism has equal validity with Christianity.

The 1.7 million-member church issued a strongly affirmative declaration on Judaism, at its recent convention in Cleveland. "Judaism has not been superseded by Christianity," it said. "God has not rejected the Jewish people."

The landmark declaration made no mention of the question of the theological validity of the Jewish claim to Israel. It was that issue that caused the Presbyterian Church several weeks earlier, to downgrade a similar declaration from a policy statement to a study document at its convention. Presbyterians involved in missionary activity in the Middle East had attacked as political rather than religious, a portion of their church's statement supporting "God's promise of land to the people Israel."

As a result, additions were made to the text stressing Palestinian rights and claiming the modern State of Israel cannot be validated theologically.

The United Church of Christ document acknowledged a causal connection between the church's bias against Judaism and anti-

Semitism. The statement declared: "We in the United Church of Christ acknowledge that the Christian church has, throughout much of its history, denied God's continuing covenantal relationship with the Jewish people expressed in the faith of Judaism. The denial has often led to outright rejection of the Jewish people and to theologically and humanly intolerable violence. We ask God's forgiveness."

The declaration emphasized the continuing validity of the Jewish covenant with God, quoting Romans 11:29. "The gifts and the promise of God are irrevocable." The only mention of Israel came in a call for United Church of Christ teachers, educators and seminarians to "examine and evaluate the image of Jews, Judaism and the State of Israel" in the light of the Church's new understanding of Judaism.

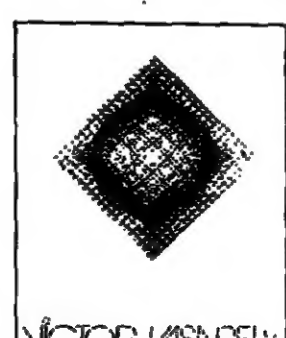
Rabbi Alan Mittleman of the American Jewish Committee, who sat on the UCC committee that drafted the document, said that document is unique because it reflects what Jews see as their Judaism.... "The Christians were well aware that one of the great sins of their church has been defining our Judaism for us. It really is a very bold statement which has also admitted historical Christian complicity in anti-Semitism," he continued.

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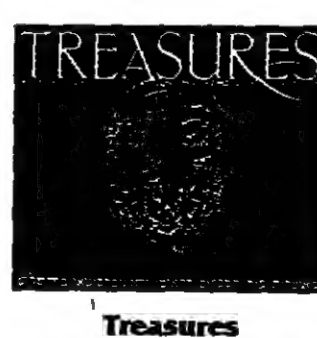
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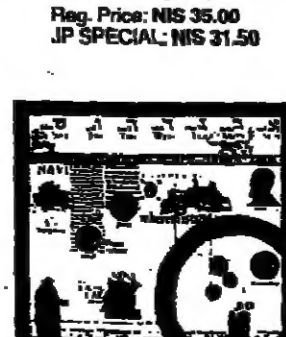
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"WE ALL HIT rock bottom at one time or another in our lives, but when I did, I just kept on working and didn't waste time feeling sorry for myself."

Thus the world's first and only blind woman mayor, Dr. Shirley Chapman, began her address at a recent convention of blind persons in Los Angeles. Chapman, who teaches political science at Eastern Tennessee State University in Johnson City, became mayor of that city last year.

"I don't want to talk or think about my blindness," she told the 26th annual convention of the American Council of the Blind. "In fact, I lost my sight gradually over several years, in the process frustrating a lot of rehabilitation professionals. They kept on telling me I would have to hit rock bottom and 'mourn' my loss before I could accept my new situation and adjust."

When her blindness became total in the mid-Seventies, Chapman told

No time for mourning

Lea Levavi reports on the world's only blind woman mayor.

her audience, she went to get a seeing-eye dog.

"I remember the day they sent us out on our first solo walk. Some of the other students were scared when they got instructions like 'walk four blocks straight, one block to the right, cross the street and then turn left,' but for me it was the closest to Heaven I'd ever gotten!"

After Chapman got used to life

with her dog, she decided to fulfill her life-long ambition of entering local politics.

"Book learning is one thing. I had taught for years about how local government works. But doing it yourself is something else again."

Chapman's first attempt to be elected to the Johnson City council in 1979 was a failure.

"People asked how I could handle

various aspects of the job, like reading, when I am blind. I resented the questions, frankly, and told them to trust me. If I didn't have ways to manage, I said, I wouldn't be running. That wasn't good enough, though, and I lost."

In the next election campaign, Chapman began raising money before any of the other candidates.

"I got less money than the others because not enough people had confidence in me. But a good deal of what I did raise went into TV ads stressing what I could do and how, because people working with me on my campaign insisted that I had to address the blindness issue whether I liked it or not."

CHAPMAN'S TV commercial showed her and her guide dog walking around the city, teaching her classes, and running a meeting of a city task force which the then-mayor had asked her to chair. Chapman's campaign was successful and she won a seat on the city council. Last year, she was re-elected to the post, then elected by the council as mayor.

"I had been deputy mayor for a year before that and the man who was then mayor left me to cover for him, cutting ribbons, making speeches and chairing meetings."

"Nevertheless, when I ran against him for the mayoralty, he said that I wasn't fit for the job because I was blind. I don't think he really doubted my ability," Chapman explained. "but maybe he was scared that I could do the job better than he could."

Chapman noted that one of the more humorous problems she has as mayor is that her dog often seems to want to run the city himself and often steals her publicity. At one ceremony, the dog put a paw on the paper she had signed — and that was the photograph that appeared in the city's papers.

In another instance, she recalled, "We had just finished paying off the bond to build our city hall and our



Leonard Narrow, chairman of the AACI committee that supervised the poster contest, congratulates winners (left to right) Roi Haima, Yuval Caspi, Liama Sabun, Shirley Beer and Maya Alanqua.

Better safe than sorry

EDUCATION for road safety should begin early, according to the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel.

To that end, the organization recently sponsored a road safety poster contest in conjunction with the Ministry of Education. Some 3,500 children from over 150 schools throughout the coun-

try entered their drawings, paintings, photographs and collages in the contest.

One of the four winning posters depicts the dangers of chasing a soccer ball into the street; another reminds drivers to turn on their headlights at night.

The contest sponsors printed

7,000 copies of each winning poster, and these 28,000 posters will be distributed to schools throughout the country. In addition, 70 of the posters have been chosen for a permanent exhibit which will be travelling to schools in the fall.

BETH UVAL

public information officer decided that we should have a 'burn the bond' ceremony.

"I am quite afraid of fire, frankly, but I agreed to the idea. When the paper began to burn, though, the dog thought I was in danger and risked his life, putting out the fire. The crowd went wild, cheering the

dog. Well," the mayor laughed, "if the dog wants to start running the city, I'll let him."

Ending her speech on a more serious note, Chapman said that the blind still have a long way to go, wherever they live in the world, before they will be accepted as equals by their sighted peers.

"I not only want to see blind people in every kind of job and elective office," she said, "but I also want to live in a world in which nobody will think there is anything special about a blind mayor, and in which Shirley Chapman can be judged without anyone thinking that the fact that she is blind makes any difference."

El Al bans smoking on local, short flights



Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Hebrew University and Hadassah. The saline accelerates the cure and reduces the ugly scarring that the disease usually leaves. A new test developed at the university was used to diagnose the malady.

The soldiers showed great improvement and are about to return home. The scientists not only wanted to cure the soldiers, but also to prevent the transfer of leishmaniasis parasites to Fiji on their return home.

The treatment will be discussed at the Saul Adler Memorial Symposium on Leishmaniasis during the Third Mediterranean Conference on Parasitology being held this week at the university's Mt. Scopus campus.

AMID REGULAR reports of death from disease and starvation among children in the underdeveloped world, there is finally some good news. Fifty per cent of the world's children are now being immunized with diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis and

measles vaccines — compared to only five per cent of infants 13 years ago. The vaccination campaign has been promoted by the World Health Organization, and the results were announced by director-general Dr. Halfdan Mahler in Helsinki a few weeks ago. The programme is estimated to have prevented a million deaths from these diseases and to have saved 175,000 children from being disabled by polio.

But with a goal of "universal vaccination" by the year 1990, the WHO will have to redouble its efforts if it wants to complete the mission by then.

REMEMBER the word endometriosis — the latest disease affecting women's fertility to be involved in some controversy among doctors. It is the growth of tissue outside the uterus that is normally located as a mucous membrane inside the womb. The cause of the disorder is not known, and doctors disagree on the percentage of women suffering from it.

Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava is conducting what it claims is the first research project into endometriosis and infertility. Doctors found that of 200 infertile women who come to the hospital for treatment, one-quarter have endometriosis. Doctors elsewhere maintain that the disorder is found in not more than five per cent of infertile women.

According to a report in the monthly bulletin *Ya'adim* (produced for works committees), endometriosis is found more frequently

among women who don't get pregnant until their late '30s and '40s. This is in line with research by American doctors showing that career women suffer most from the disease.

U.S. career women tend to postpone their childbearing until they have established themselves in their profession. By the time they're successful, they may find that they have missed the boat when it comes to having children. The symptoms of the disorder include pain in the lower abdomen, cramps and pain during sexual relations, as well as infertility in many of the patients. U.S. doctors believe that if endometriosis is not treated (with hormones and perhaps an operation) in time, it can cause blockage of the intestine and other problems that require extensive surgery.

THE HEALTH education department of the Health Ministry has taken quick action following the death of two foreign tourists from dehydration earlier this month. Dr. Ya'acov Adler of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, a few hours after pronouncing one of them — an 18-year-old British girl — dead in the emergency room, called the ministry and recommended the preparation of a special pamphlet for tourists on how to cope with the heat.

Prepared by Adler and Prof. Ezra Sohar of Ben-Gurion University, the pamphlet — now being printed — warns tourists not to engage in activities that require physical exertion if they are suffering from diarrhea or vomiting or otherwise feel ill. They are also told to drink large quantities of water even if they are not thirsty, and give their body at least a week to acclimatize itself before they go out during the hottest hours of the day. Tourists are also advised on the proper clothing and headgear for Israel's climate, and what emergency measures to take in case of heat stroke.

Moslem new year feast

Daniel Rogov

250 gm. green peppers, seeded and diced
1/4 cup olive oil
1 1/2 tbs. vinegar or lemon juice
1 tbs. hot chili pepper, seeded and chopped
1 tbs. dried mint leaves, pulverized salt and pepper to taste

In a glass or enamel serving bowl, combine the tomatoes, apples, onion, green and hot peppers. Add the oil and vinegar and toss thoroughly. Immediately before serving, sprinkle the mint over and season to taste with salt and pepper. Toss well and serve at room temperature.

Soups Terbiya (Egg and Lemon Soup — Turkey)

4 cups chicken stock
1/4 cup lemon juice
60 gm. uncooked rice
2 eggs
salt and white pepper

Bring the stock to the boil and add the rice. Cover the saucepan partially and let simmer for 15 minutes.

In a small bowl beat the eggs until thickened and then beat in the lemon juice. Slowly add 1 cup of the hot stock to the egg mixture, beating well after each addition. Stir this mixture slowly into the remaining soup and cook on a low flame, taking care not to boil, until the soup is smooth and thickened. Season to taste with salt and white pepper and serve at once. (If desired the soup may be cooled and then refrigerated and served cold.)

Slate Toonsia (Mixed Salad — Tunisia)
250 gm. tomatoes, peeled, seeded and diced
250 gm. green apple, peeled, cored and diced
250 gm. onion, chopped

1 chicken (about 2 kilos), whole
1 small onion, grated
500 gm. green olives, packed in brine about 1/4 cup lemon juice
3 tbs. olive oil
2 tbs. each parsley and coriander, chopped finely
4 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
1 1/2 tsp. garlic, chopped finely
1/2 tsp. each ground ginger and black pepper
1/4 tsp. each turmeric, cumin and sweet paprika
salt to taste

Wash the chicken well and drain. Blend the crushed garlic together with 1 tbs. salt and with this rub the inside and outside of the chicken. Let stand for 15-20 minutes and rinse well.

Place the chicken in a large heavy casserole with the herbs, spices, garlic, onion and 2 cups water. Bring to the boil, reduce the flame and simmer, covered, for 1 1/2 hours, turning the chicken every 7-8 minutes in the cooking liquids.

While the chicken is cooking, boil the olives in water 3 times, changing the water each time. Add the olives and lemon juice to the casserole and continue cooking until the chicken is thoroughly tender. Transfer to a hot oven (200°C), uncovered, just until browned. Transfer the chicken to a serving dish.

Using a slotted spoon, remove the olives and place these around the chicken. Reduce the cooking liquids to a thick sauce, correct the seasoning with additional salt and lemon juice to taste, pour over the chicken and serve at once. Serve with rice pilaf.

5 cups beef stock
2 cups rice
1/2 cup butter (or parve substitute)
1/4 cup each pine nuts, blackcurrants and slivered almonds
1 large onion, chopped finely
1/2 tsp. each cinnamon and allspice
1/4 tsp. powdered mace
pinch or two powdered cloves (optional)
salt and pepper to taste

In a large saucepan melt half the butter and in this, brown the onion. Add the rice and stir over low flame for 4-5 minutes. Add the spices and the stock, stir well, lower the heat and cover. Simmer for 15 minutes and test to see if the rice is done. (The rice should be firm). Drain excess liquids, season to taste with salt and pepper.

While the rice is cooking, melt the remaining butter in a skillet and in this, sauté the pine nuts, almonds and currants. When the rice is done, combine this mixture with it and serve in a preheated serving bowl.

Sharbat-e Gulab (Rose Petal Sherbet)
3 cups pineapple, shredded
1/4 cup rose petal jam
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 tbs. rose water
crystallized rose petals for garnish (optional)
(In the top of a double-boiler, heat the jam. Strain and dilute with 3 cups of water, mixing well. Transfer to chilled ice trays, cover with foil and freeze until just thick. Stir well and again freeze until thick. Stir again, re-cover and freeze solid. Remove from the freezer and transfer to regular refrigerator about 15 minutes before serving. (If rose petal jam is not available, apple jam makes an acceptable substitute.)

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Greenidge, Gooch in great form

LONDON (Reuters). — West Indian opener Gordon Greenidge became the fourth century-maker of the Bicentenary match between MCC and a Rest of the World XI. His 122, supported by good innings from Graham Gooch, David Gower and Richard Hadlee, enabled Gooch to declare at 318 for 6.

Greenidge, who played the anchor role to Graham Gooch yesterday morning, dominated the afternoon session after Gooch had fallen to off-spinner Roger Harper for 70.

He was particularly severe on anything loose from Harper and leg-spinner Abdul Qadir, his best shot being a straight six off Harper.

Former England opener Graham Gooch boosted his hopes of an international recall with another classy batting display.

Broad, the current England opening batsman, who made 10 in the first innings, was caught behind by West Indian wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon off the bowling of Indian paceman Kapil Dev for just two runs with the total on 11.

Gooch, who made the first of the game's three centuries, was soon hitting the ball around as crisply as in the first innings.

He straight drove Dev for four and tucked Imran Khan unstopably off his hip to the square leg boundary.

Gooch then ensured that the pace



COMEBACK TRAIL. — Graham Gooch stakes a claim to his old place as England's opener.

of run-scoring was accelerated when Abdul Qadir replaced Kapil Dev and the batsman clipped the Pakistani's first ball to the extra cover boundary and turned his next delivery for three.

Rest of the world lost a wicket for 12 runs at close of play. They are 352 behind.

West Indian fast bowler Courtney Walsh unsuccessfully tried to bounce Gooch out with bumpers and was hooked and pulled for successive fours as MCC moved on to 59 for one.

MCC 455 for 5 decl. and 318 for 6 decl. Rest of the World 421 for 7 decl. and 13 for 1.

TRACK & FIELD

Aouita to run 5,000 m. in Rome

RABAT (Reuters). — World record holder said Aouita will run in the 5,000 metres at the World Athletics Championships in Rome and then concentrate on the 1,500 metres, the Rabat daily "L'Opinion" reported yesterday.

"I want the world 5,000 title," he said. "Despite my world records, I can get it only if I win the final in Rome."

Aouita won the 5,000 metres gold medal at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

"After winning in Rome, I will have nothing else to win over 5,000 metres, so I will tackle the 1,500 metres with the same ambition," he said. "This means improving the world record which I hold with 3 minutes 29.46 seconds, becoming 1988 Olympics champion and world champion in 1989. Beginning next year, it will be 100 per cent 1,500 metres for me. That's what's on my mind."

GOLF

OAK BROOK, Ill. (Reuters). — D.A. Weirberg finished his 17th hole in the third and final round today of the \$998,000 Western Open to claim a one-shot victory over fellow-American Larry Nelson and Australian Greg Norman.

Weirberg's 54-hole total in the rain-shortened tournament was nine-under-par 207.

American Bobby King fired a five-under-par 66 to come from three strokes back and win the \$225,000 Atlantic City Classic Golf Tournament by three shots. Nancy Lopez was second on 218.

BASKETBALL

Largely's farewell game for Hapoel

By DON GOULD
Mike Largely, former captain of Hapoel Tel Aviv, will don his old uniform for the last time tonight at a special commemorative game honouring his achievements at Ussishkin Stadium.

Veteran John Willis, who is also being honoured for his fine contributions to Israeli basketball, will play alongside Largely for Hapoel against the Israeli national team.

Largely played three years for Hapoel, but last season and a good part of the one before that he either played injured or did not play at all. Largely underwent back surgery last fall and then tried to come back too early to help his team.

Although now pronounced fit to play, the 27-year-old American will not rejoin his old team for this season. He has always played as a contract player, and Hapoel signed two new contract players when it appeared Largely would not recover from surgery in time for the new season.

Willis has been playing in the Major Leagues of Israel basketball for 15 years. During many of those, he was also a valuable member of the national team. At age 36, Willis has

chosen to concentrate on his career in the diamond industry and has voluntarily put himself on a team in one of the lower leagues.

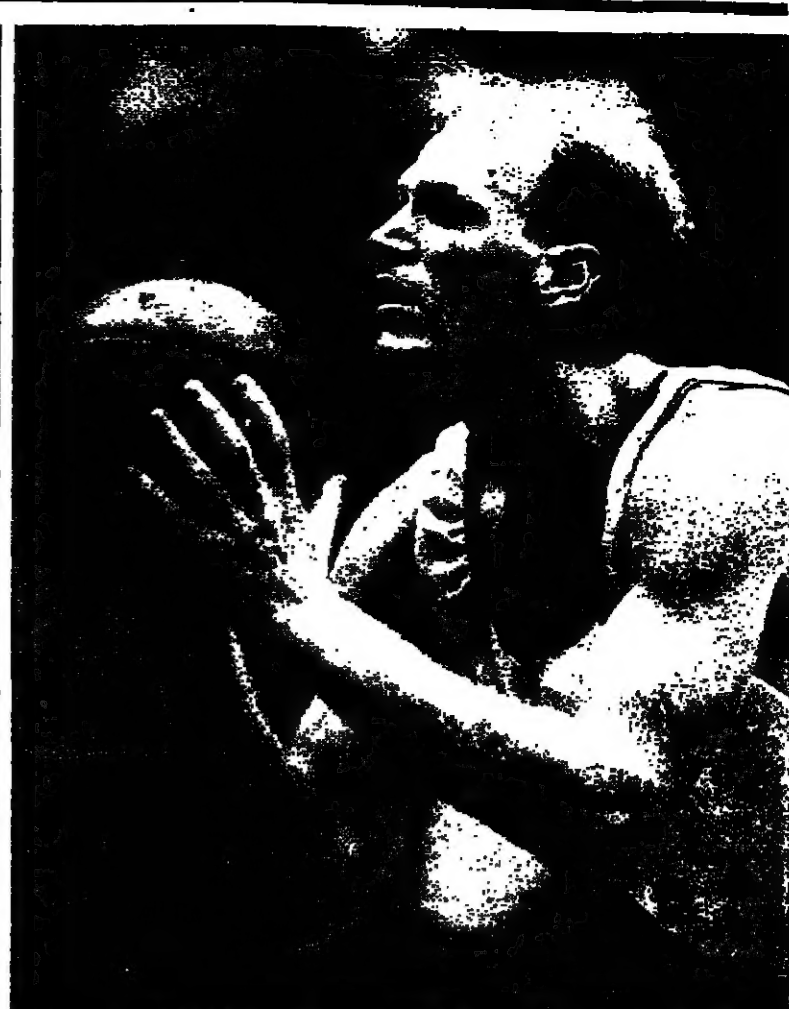
Also being honored, but not playing, will be Ofer Fleisher and Israel Kalish, both important substitute players on last year's successful Hapoel squad. Kalish has moved to a lower league in order to get more playing time, while Fleisher, a member of the national team, was signed in the off-season by Hapoel Galil Elyon.

Besides the swim song for Largely and Willis, basketball fans will be treated to their first view of Hapoel Tel Aviv's two new contract players, Lior Tzoref and Carl Amos. Amos, who played for a number of years with Maccabi Ramat Gan before moving to Argentina to play two years, Tzoref will be remembered as the Real Madrid player who beat Maccabi Tel Aviv almost single-handedly two years ago.

Hapoel Tel Aviv coach Moshe Weizmann also handles the reins of the national team, but for tonight he will hand over the coaching responsibilities to Hapoel's new young assistant coach, 24-year-old Ronni Leshem.

Horie Lashoff and Laron Mercer, who both play for both the national team and Hapoel, are expected to split their time tonight between both clubs.

The national side is coming off a split of two practice games against Leverkusen of West Germany and, although they need another tune-up before September's Division "B" tourney in Belgrade, they have looked much improved in recent days.



REMEMBRANCE OF THINGS PAST. — Mike Largely in action.

Hanoch Gutman

EUROPEAN SOCCER

Rush's debut ends in disappointment

LECCE (Reuters). — Ian Rush's debut for Juventus ended in disappointment on Sunday night when he pulled a thigh muscle which could keep him out of action for three weeks.

The Welsh soccer international, who moved from Liverpool for \$4.6 million, came off five minutes before the end of Juventus' Italian Cup preliminary round match against Second Division Lecce in southern Italy.

Rush's due to play for Wales in a European championship qualifier against Denmark on September 9, four days before the start of the Italian League season.

Juventus beat Lecce 3-0 but Rush failed to score.

In France, England internationals Mark Hateley and Glenn Hoddle discovered the hard way that life in Monaco is not always a bed of roses. Monaco crumbled to a shock 3-1 defeat at home to newly-promoted Nîmes but still managed to stay top of the table as their nearest rivals, champions Bordeaux, drew for the third time in succession.

Apart from a narrow defeat at Montpellier — also newly-promoted — Monaco and in particular their two

English imports have been walking tall since the season opened but this time hit rock bottom.

They fell behind after 15 minutes to a goal from Moroccan Amara Amara and then lost all organization in defence when central defender Remy Vogel was forced to leave the field injured four minutes later following a collision with opposing striker Pascal Marini.

Monaco equaled in the 21st minute when Marcel Amara converted a penalty after winger Youssef Fofana had been brought down, but eight minutes from the interval Amara's powerful header his second to restore Nîmes' lead.

Things then went from bad to worse for Monaco and the scorers would have been but for Jean-Luc Ettori's goalkeeping.

He made a series of fine saves, including stopping a Marini penalty, but in the 64th minute the "Respect" captain a header when he came out of his penalty area to collect a loose ball, tried to dribble Didier Tholot, only to lose the ball to the Nîmes forward who scored in an empty goal.

Bordeaux, who conceded an 89th-minute equaliser at home to Le Havre last weekend, this time let in a goal three minutes from time which enabled Toulouse to level the south-west derby at 2-2.

Bordeaux and Paris St. Germain, who came from a goal down to win 3-1 at Cannes, are now a point behind Monaco. A further point down are Toulon, Metz, Racing Paris, Nice and St. Etienne.

Brest gained their first win of the

season, and owed it to striker Marc Pascal who hit all four goals in the 4-1 defeat of Lens, who replaced Brest at the bottom of the table.

Pascal, the only Brest player to have scored this season, joined Hateley and Nice's Claude Massa at the top of the scoring charts with five goals.

Brest then announced they had signed Paraguayan World Cup striker Roberto Cabanas from the Colombian club America California to a four-year contract.

Belgian derby to Rosenthal

Post Sports Staff
Ronnie Rosenthal is one up on his national squad teammate Moshe Sinai after the two faced off in a first-ever Israeli "derby" on foreign soil.

Rosenthal's club, F.C. Bruges, scored an easy 2-0 win at home over Sinai's side, Beveren, in the first head-to-head meeting of Israeli players in Belgium's First Division.

Rosenthal played a strong game and was given generally high marks by the Belgian press.

Sinai, on the other hand, playing with an injured left ankle, was clearly out of form and asked to be replaced in the 72nd minute.

Israel's third representative in the Belgium top league, Eli Ohana, oq Saturday brought the home crowd to their feet, building up the winning goal for Mechelen (Malines) in a 2-1 win over Standard Liege.

Ohana passed to Piet de-Bor for the winning score, and, improbable though it sounds, the Mechelen fans, 15,000 strong, began chanting a refrain familiar to Betar Jerusalem supporters: "Eli, Eli."

Elsewhere, defending champions PSV Eindhoven are already setting the pace in the Netherlands, thrashing Utrecht 9-0 to emerge as the only side with a 100 per cent record after three matches.

Sparta Rotterdam are a point adrift in second place after a notable 2-0 victory over Ajax.

Wimbledon have signed Manchester United striker Terry Gibson for a \$300,000 dollars transfer fee.

Arsenal have signed midfielder Kevin Richardson from Watford for \$300,000.

TENNIS

Shriver's dream week

TORONTO (Reuters). — Pam Shriver completed her best week of tennis ever by beating fellow American Zina Garrison 6-4, 6-1 in the final of the \$250,000 Player's Challenge women's tennis tournament on Sunday.

That was the same score by which the third-seeded Shriver had beaten top seed Chris Evert on Saturday in the semifinals for her first victory over the veteran American star in 19 meetings spanning a decade.

Shriver did not let up against the fifth-seeded Garrison after a week in which she did not lose a set.

"This has been my best week of tennis ever," said Shriver, the world's fifth-ranked player.

"I'm happy since it's the first time in a long, long while that I've had to come back after a big match."

Shriver beat three players in the top ten this week — Evert, number three, Garrison, number five, and Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina, number eight.

In Cincinnati, Sweden's Stefan Edberg appears to have kicked his Boris Becker jinx.

For the second time in successive weeks Edberg outplayed the former Wimbledon champion to win the ATP Championship on Sunday — his fifth tournament win this year.

Last week in Montreal, Edberg, who had not taken a set off Becker since 1985, lost to the less than convincing circumstances. The 19-year-old West German complained loudly he

was still trying to wake up after a late double match forced on him by the organizers of the Canadian Open.

However, on Sunday there was no doubting Edberg's clear superiority and it appears well for the U.S. Open in two weeks.

The Australian Open champion was 6-4, 6-1 in one hour, 21 minutes, outlasting Becker in a powerful serve and volley duel.

"I think I played my best match ever today," Edberg said afterwards. "I hardly missed a ball and I got his serve back all the time."

Edberg had beaten Becker a week ago in Montreal and was eager to repeat the feat. Becker still holds a 7-4 lifetime winning margin.

"I wanted to win this one," said the usually impassive Swede, who clinched his fifth set as the victory neared. "I felt really pumped up."

Edberg will go into the U.S. Open seeded second behind Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia.

"That's good because Lendl is very hard to beat at the U.S. Open," Edberg said. "I see no reason why I can't play like this at the Open also."

Sweet win for Berger

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Israel's only woman tennis professional, Ilana Berger, yesterday gained her first-ever title away from home, winning the doubles event at the \$25,000 Challenger Series tournament in Manhasset, New York.

In the final, Berger and her new American partner Jane Thomas cruised past two Dutch opponents (4-1, 6-4). The triumph was all the sweeter for 21-year-old Berger, who until now has not played in any event worth more than \$10,000 in prize money.

Berger's success will lift her WITA (Women's International Tennis Association) world doubles rankings. Berger is currently around 240th in the singles standings, which include more than 700 players.

The only disappointment for Berger was that the doubles final in Manhasset clashed with her scheduled first-round singles match at \$150,000 Challenger Series tournament in New Jersey and she was forced to withdraw from the latter event. Berger had been accepted into the New Jersey meet as a special "wild card" direct entry (without the need to try and qualify) and it would have marked her debut in major competition on the WITA tour.

Moshe Berger — a member of Hapoel Tel Aviv — is Israel's first woman's tennis pro since Pauline Peled a decade ago. She took up the game on a full-time basis last autumn, after being demobilized from the army.



NONPAREIL. — Mohamed Ali at the Pan-Am Games.

PAN-AM GAMES

INDIANAPOLIS (Reuters). — Brazil pulled off a major upset at the Pan American Games, winning the basketball gold medal by beating the United States 120-115.

The Brazilian team, rallying from a 14-point deficit at halftime, were led by Oscar Schmidt, who scored 46 points — 35 of them in the second half.

The U.S. team, which includes several players earmarked to play in the U.S. professional league, had been highly favoured to win.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	73	31	.559	—
Toronto	70	34	.514	1 1/2
New York	66	38	.456	4 1/2
Minnesota	66	38	.456	4 1/2
Boston	60	44	.384	10 1/2
Baltimore	57	47	.347	14 1/2
Cleveland	48	77	.384	24 1/2

WESTERN DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	66	40	.524	—
Oakland	63	43	.524	2 1/2
Seattle	62	44	.514	3 1/2
California	62	44	.514	3 1/2
San Diego	59	47	.496	6 1/2
Los Angeles	58	48	.479	7 1/2
Chicago	51	72	.415	13 1/2

SAUNDAY'S GAMES: Boston 4, Minnesota 4; Detroit 3, Cleveland 10; Milwaukee 10, Kansas City 5; New York 4, Oakland 6; California 5, Toronto 2; Baltimore 6, Seattle 5; Chicago 5, Texas 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	73	30	.593	—
New York	69	35	.556	1 1/2
Montreal	68	36	.533	2 1/2
Philadelphia	66	38	.532	3 1/2
Chicago	62	42	.500	5 1/2
Pittsburgh	52	71	.427	15 1/2

WESTERN DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	66	40	.520	—
Houston	64	40	.516	1/2
Cincinnati	63	43	.504	2 1/2
Los Angeles	55	49	.444	6 1/2
Atlanta	55	49	.444	6 1/2
San Diego	51	73	.411	13 1/2

Ashkelon race?

Grand Prix motor racing may soon be coming to the streets of Ashkelon, if agreement is reached between the sport's American promoters in the city.

Ashkelon mayor Eli Dayan yesterday disclosed that the city and the American firm that is behind the Grand Prix events are close to signing a long-term deal.

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL TV

9:00 Telecast 9:05 Keep Fit 9:15 Rehov Sumsum 9:45 The Heart 10:10 Berperts (part 13) 10:35 This is it (repeat) 11:15 Family Problems 13:00 Roundup of yesterday's Danjankov Trial hearing 14:00 Telecast 14:05 The Inspector General. Henry Koster's 1948 film starring Danny Kay and Walter Slezak 18:45 Telecast 18:45 Keep Fit 19:00 The Transformers 19:25 TV Game 19:40 A New Evening — live magazine

ISRAELI TV

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES
17:30 3, 4, 5 (repeat) 17:50 Al 18:20 Avshalom Kor's Language Corner

ARABIC LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES

18:00 News roundup 18:32 Ancient Egypt 19:30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at

20:00 with a news roundup
20:02 Are You Being Served? — British comedy series
20:30 Kolback
21:00 Mabat Newsweek
21:40 Second Look — focus on matters of moment
22:20 The Life of Leonardo da Vinci. Final episode of a 5-part Italian docu-drama, starring Philippe Leroy
23:35 News

ISRAELI TV CHANNEL 2

19:00 Children's Problems 19:30 Danjankov Trial Roundup 20:00 Mabat's Entertainment Show 21:00 Pop 2

JORDAN TV (unofficial)

17:30 Cartoons 18:00 French Hour 19:30 News in Hebrew 20:00 News in Arabic 20:30 Double Trouble 21:10 O'Hare 22:00 News in English 22:20 An Unknown War 23:10 Open All Hours

MIDDLE EAST TV

13:00 Another 14:00 700 Club 14:30 Shape-Up 15:00 Another 16:00 Movie: Berlin Express 16:30 Muppet Babies 17:00 Flying House 17:30 Fraggie Rock 18:00 Star Trek 18:00 News 20:00 The A-Team 21:00 MacGyver 22:00 Auroch 23:00 700 Club 23:30 Another Life

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC

6:01 Morning Melodies 7:00 Works by Bach and his Sons
8:00 Works by Mozart, Schubert and Beethoven 12:00 2
Lizavka, Soprano, M. Melzer, Flute, C. Neumann, piano
Works by Bach, Telemann and Scarlatti, Mozart, Rachmaninov, Scriabin, Liszt, Schubert and Schumann. Tchaikovsky: Roco
on Variations (Har-Nov). Smetana: "The Berman's Bride"
Overture (London/Simon) 18:00 Young Music 18:00 From
Bertelme: Tchaikovsky: Movement from Piano Trio Op.50
(Rachmaninov, Horowitz); Schumann: "Dichterliebe"
(Fischer-Dieskau, Horowitz); Bach: Concerto for 2 Violins
(Kodaly) 18:00 Selections from Operas by Russian Composers:
Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, Mussorgsky and Borodin
(Strich, Borg) 20:00 Musical Medley 20:30 Israel Philharmonic
Orchestra under Claudio Abbado — Brahms: Symphony
No. 3 22:30 Jazz Classics 23:00 Mendelssohn: Quartets and
Quintets

RADIO 1st

6:03 Programmes for Olim 7:30 Programme in Easy
Hebrew 8:05 Intermixion 8:57 The Danjankov Trial —
live broadcast 13:05 Hebrew songs 13:30 Children's
Programmes 13:45 News in English 14:00 Children's
Programmes 15:00 Songs for the Afternoon 18:27 Every-
man's University 18:57 The Danjankov Trial — live broad-
cast 19:05 The Mishna Portion for today 19:20 Bible
Reading 19:30 Programmes for Olim 22:05 Two
Together

RADIO 2nd

6:04 Editorial Review 6:10 Gymnastics 6:30 News
Information 7:07 "707" 8:00 Good Morning Israel 9:05
Morning Star — The Seekers 10:05 All Shades of the
Network 12:10 O.K. on two 13:00 Midday — news
commentary, music 14:05 Humour 15:05 Music Mo-
ments 16:05 Made in Israel — Hebrew songs 17:05
Economics Magazine 18:05 Health and Medicine Maga-
zine 19:05 Today — radio newsline 19:35 New World —
environment magazine 20:05 Cantorial Requests 22:05
Hebrew songs 00:15 Songs for the End of the Day

ARMY

8:05 Morning Sounds 8:30 Open Your Eyes — songs,
information 7:07 "707" 8:00 Good Morning Israel 9:05
Open House 11:05 Right Now 13:05 An Hour of Bob
Dylan 14:05 Beach Report 18:05 841 Travels Round
18:15 Four in the Afternoon 17:00 Evening Newsline
18:05 Economics Magazine 18:05 Hebrew songs 20:05
Interview with Aluf Doron Rubin 21:00 Mabat — TV
newsline 21:30 No Quiet Night 22:05 Popular songs
23:05 The 24th Hour 00:05 Night Birds — songs, chat

ARMY TWO

18:05 Radio Radio 20:05 Information, regards and radio
games 22:05 Popular songs 23:05 All That Jazz

VOICE OF AMERICA

NEWS SHOWS
— 12:00 InfoNet: 6-7 and 9-10 a.m. — Daily breakfast show with
news, popular music and interviews. 6-20 p.m. — News
round-up, 6:30-7 p.m. — VOA Magazine Show. 7-11 p.m. —
News in Special English for Students of English. 12 midnight-1
a.m. — VOA World Report with news, background and analy-
sis.

DAILY ENGLISH BROADCASTS

ON 576 and 1440 kilohertz (AM)
7:00-7:15 News, 13:00-13:30 News followed by:
SUNDAY — "This Land" travel magazine
MONDAY — "Mainstream" consumer and community affairs
TUESDAY — "Israel Music" weekly magazine
WEDNESDAY — "With me in the studio" guest interview
programme
THURSDAY — "Studio Three" arts magazine
FRIDAY — "Thank Goodness It's Friday" Sabbath eve
programme
SATURDAY — "Spotlight" people and issues in the news
17:00-17:05 News, 20:00-20:15 News

CINEMA PERFORMANCES

JERUSALEM

Bait Agra: Taran and His Treasure 4:30; For
Chil 10:10; Clockwork Orange 12:00; The
Journey of Natty Gann 4; Rambo: The Kid
from Brooklyn 7 (small hall); Way Out West 9
(small hall); Love and Anarchy 9:30; Eden
11:15; The Living Daylights 9:30; Hansel and Gretel
11:40; Habiba Cinema Empire: closed due
to renovations; Israel Museum: Pale Rider
3:30; Prince King 10:10; 5:30; 9:45;
Decline of the American Empire 7:15; 9:30;
Killer: Radio Days 7:30; 9:30; Superman IV, 11:
40; Mitchell: Don't Give a Damn 7:30; 9:30;
Cagney: Angel Heart 7:30; 9:45; Snow White

Dollar drop leaves Japanese unfazed

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Auto prices due to go up by 5-10% in next few days

By JONATHAN KARP
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. - The 1988 car models are finally ready to go on sale in the next several days now that the government has reached an agreement that will raise prices an average of 5-10 per cent, the Transport Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Transport Minister Haim Corfu and Finance Minister Moshe Nissim are expected to sign the order today or tomorrow, the spokesman said, but the new prices will not go into effect until the price list is officially published.

Under the new agreement, importers will be able to set a maximum profit margin of 14 per cent on cars, taxis and commercial vehicles that weigh up to 2,200 kilograms and up to 18 per cent on vehicles that weigh between 2,201 and 4,500 kilograms.

"These levels translate into price increases of 5-10 per cent for most cars, depending on their country of origin. Prices for West German cars, for example, will be relatively higher because the German currency, the Deutschmark, appreciated by more against the shekel than did other foreign currencies. On the other hand, some French cars will be cheaper than their comparable 1987 model.

Prices for Spanish cars are due to drop when Israel and Spain sign an agreement to lower import duties 60 per cent, thus bringing tariffs in line with those established last January between Israel and the European Community. An Israeli trade delegation returned two weeks ago from talks in Spain, but no date has been set for completing the agreement, according to Customs official Shlomo Barkan.

In any case, all car prices are to drop slightly at the beginning of October, when the compulsory deposit on new car purchases is due to be lowered from 6 to 3 per cent. The deposit is to be phased out entirely on January 1, 1988.

It is still undecided whether price controls on cars with engines of up to 1600 cubic centimetres will be lifted at that time as well, Treasury sources said.

Although the Transport and Finance ministries nominally lowered the importers' maximum profit margins from 18 per cent to 14 per cent for vehicles weighing up to 2,200 kilograms and from 22 per cent to 18 per cent for heavier vehicles, prices will still rise. The erosion of the shekel last year diminished the importers' real profit margins to about 8 per cent, the Transport Ministry spokesman said.

The importers reportedly asked for higher margins. Arye Carasso, Renault importer and head of the importers' association, yesterday would not disclose what their demands were, but he said that the usual markup in the U.S. was 25 per cent.

The imminent signing of the price list will finally allow importers to clear from customs the 2,500 new cars that have already arrived in the country, and to offer them at 1988 prices. Until then, they can clear them only if they want to sell them at current, or 1987, price levels, Treasury officials said.

The maintenance on a typical 1300 cubic centimetre private car costs its owner about 65 agorot a kilometre, according to calculations made by Cheshev, the economic consulting firm of the kibbutz government. For cars with an engine size of 1600 cubic centimetres, the cost per kilometre is 69 agorot.

The calculation is based on the assumption that a 1300 cubic centimetre car travels about 12,000 kilometres a year. Annual costs for such a car amount to NIS 6,539. This includes such fixed costs as amortization, licence, insurance and levies. The remaining, variable costs include such items as tyres, spare parts and repairs.



Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi (second from left) is told about Jerusalem's newest digital telephone exchange, in the capital's Gilo neighbourhood. He came as a guest of Mayor Teddy Kollek (right). Sources said yesterday that Jerusalem would be among the first cities to get a cable-television network. (Isaac Harari)

Haberfeld: 'Treasury is forcing us to strike'

By JEFF BLACK
For The Jerusalem Post

Habstrud trade union department head Haim Haberfeld yesterday accused the Treasury of pushing the labour federation into a corner in the public-sector wage negotiations. The only response left to the unions in such a situation, he declared, was to take industrial action.

Haberfeld met yesterday with the heads of the public-sector unions where they decided to reconvene at the unions' strike headquarters to plan the next stages of the campaign. Haberfeld insisted that the Habstrud had been searching for a way to conclude the wage negotiations with the Treasury over the past two weeks but to no avail. He declared "we can't wait any longer" and said next week would see the beginning of the Habstrud's campaign.

At the same time, Haberfeld also said he was still prepared to hold talks with the Treasury's chief wage

negotiator, Hillel Duda. But for this to happen, the Treasury has to change its position, and "I don't see this as a possibility at the moment," Haberfeld said.

Yesterday there were reports from the Treasury saying the negotiations would resume today, but Haberfeld denied this, saying that although he had been in contact with Duda, no meetings had been scheduled. Reuven Ben-Ami, the Civil Servants' Union head, called for a general strike at yesterday's meeting. He said such a strike, with no set time limit, would soon bring the Treasury around to serious negotiations. Other union leaders disagreed, but the general consensus of the meeting was that the Habstrud has no alternative but to take some form of industrial action come the beginning of September, the deadline set by the Habstrud for reaching a collective public-sector wage agreement.

Frutarom is in black

By PINHAS LANDAU
Post Finance Reporter

Frutarom Electrochemical Industries Ltd. swung back into the black in the first half of 1987, recording net profits of NIS 3.2 million.

The company's figures, while unaudited, were adjusted in line with the change in value of the shekel in terms of the U.S. dollar.

The results contrasted sharply with the NIS 8.1m. loss the company chalked up in the same period of 1986, but it represented a continuation of the improvement that began in the second half of last year.

Sales jumped from NIS 55.6m. to NIS 75.2m., with exports performing particularly well, rising from be-

low NIS 30m. to over NIS 40m. in the respective halves. Only part of this rise can be attributed to the effect of last January's devaluation, with the rest reflecting higher production and prices.

The company's statement noted that 1987 as a whole is expected to be a good year for polyvinyl chloride (PVC) producers, and that Frutarom - Israel's sole PVC producer - would benefit correspondingly.

A major feature of the half-yearly figures was the 40 per cent drop in finance costs, from NIS 10.5m. to NIS 6.3m. This is the result of the debt rescheduling achieved by the company on loans coming due during 1987.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Zion Cables workers on 1-day strike

Zion Cables Ltd.'s workers are today holding a 24-hour strike today in protest over Sunday's decision to sell off 51 per cent of the government-owned company's shares to Isal Ltd. and Cial Industries Ltd.

The strike will shut down for the day the concern's three factories in Eilat, Rishon LeZion and Sderot as well as the head office in Tel Aviv. The workers object to control of the company's being transferred to private investors before negotiations have determined their future status. Habstrud trade union department head Haim Haberfeld last week warned the Ministerial Committee on the Sale of Government Corporations, which approved the sale on Sunday, and potential buyers that the labour federation would not allow such a sale without a prior agreement protecting the workers' rights.

Zion Cables, which makes telephone, electric and power cables, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the government-owned Israel Chemicals Ltd. and employs around 300 workers.

ISRAELI EXPORTERS will be able to benefit in the future from a Ministry of Industry and Trade pro-

ject to connect Israel's trade attaches around the world to a data base containing details of potential customers, the ministry announced yesterday.

HABSTRUD WORKERS in the food industry yesterday demanded that management begin negotiations over reducing weekly work hours to 40 and updating the salary grades in the different branches of the industry.

ELSCINT LTD. will announce today or tomorrow unaudited figures for its business year that ended last March 31, 1987. These are expected to show a large loss, but only a fraction of the \$116 million that the company lost in 1985/86.

At the same time, the company will formally announce the signing of the second debt-rescheduling package that it has been negotiating with its bankers for several months. The audited results will probably only be ready in a few weeks' time.

THE MERGER between the Agricultural Bank and the Industrial Bank, two state-owned institutions, is still undecided, the State Corporations Authority said yesterday.

The authority, the Treasury division responsible for state-owned companies, told The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange that no decision had been taken on the merger, which was reported on Sunday, following a meeting of the Ministerial Committee on the sale of Government Corporations.

The Agricultural Bank has been losing money, while the Industrial Bank has been relatively profitable.

COMPANY RESULTS

ECT Telecom Ltd.
Telecommunications systems
Quarter
Half

To June 30 1987 1986
Revenue \$5.43m 4.00m
Net income 176,000 (12,360)
Per share 0.03 (0.58)

Building Resources
Civil engineering
Half

To June 30 1987 1986
Revenue NIS 5.77m 7.11m
Net income 6.5m 4.9m
Ended Dec. 31

Sunfront Ltd.
Frozen foods
Half

To June 30 1987 1986
Revenue NIS 27.01m 18.78m
Net income 438,586 1.8m
Per share 2.50 (5.7)

Americans, Soviets to put out computer mag

FRAMINGHAM, Massachusetts (AP). - A publisher of computer trade publications says it has reached agreement with the Soviet Union to publish a Russian-language magazine covering developments in personal computers.

The formal agreement calling for the bi-monthly publication of P.C. World U.S.S.R. will be signed tomorrow in Moscow.

Arabs plan anti-chamber of commerce

DAMASCUS (Reuters). - The Arab Boycott Office will seek to set up an Arab-European chamber of commerce to counter one set up by the European Community (EC) and Israel, an official said yesterday.

Arab liaison officials proposed this after a week of talks in Damascus aimed at tightening the boycott of Israel.

Boycott Office commissioner General Zuheir Aqeel has denounced the Paris-based chamber as a prelude to full economic cooperation between the EC and Israel.

LAVI

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to participate in the development of the technology of the ATF, the American jetfighter of the future. This also will justify calling the scheme "Lavi for the year 2000."

While the Defence Ministry was admitting by last night that the gap between Peres and Rabin had narrowed, the Treasury said it needed more details about the proposal before it commented.

Informed sources said yesterday that the scheme being developed would serve as a "ladder" which would be "used to go down from the Lavi." They indicated the formula would prevent large-scale dismissals from IAI and enable the company to continue work connected to advanced aircraft, these being Peres' main concerns.

The deliberations on the future of the project and Peres' proposals are to continue today. Peres will probably present them to Prime Minister Shamir this week, at a meeting to be attended by Rabin and Nissim as well. Such a meeting, the sources

hoped, will end with a resolution to adopt the scheme.

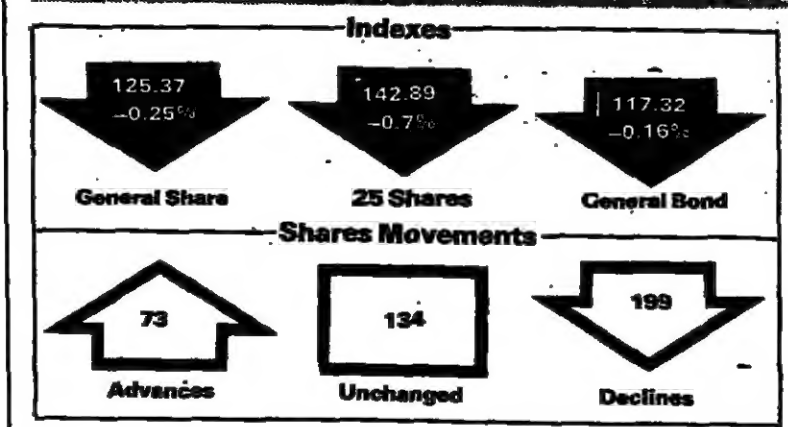
If the scheme is approved it will be tabled in the cabinet, with a vote taking place as early as Sunday.

But the sources added that Shamir favours continuing with the Lavi project, adding that he has to go along with Minister without Portfolio Moshe Arens, the project's staunchest supporter.

The sources added that Peres was making every effort to prevent a major crisis at IAI. But they added that in the upper echelons of the Treasury, the Defence Ministry and the Foreign Ministry serious question marks had arisen over the future of IAI's management, which has not supported Peres' latest efforts.

Treasury officials said yesterday that no written proposal was presented by Peres during his meeting with Nissim. They added that the Treasury would have a clearer picture only after such a document was available. The officials stressed Nissim would only support a scheme that did not entail enlarging the state budget.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange



Selected Prices

Name	Price	Volume	% change
Commercial Banks			
Bank Leumi	2940	3	-4.7
Bank Hapoalim	1750	880	-1.8
Bank Mizrahi	1750	50	-1.8
Bank Leumi	852	1508	-1.8
Commercial Banks			
Bank Leumi	10250	200	+0.6
Bank Hapoalim	78300	217	-1.0
Bank Mizrahi	131000	535	-1.0
Bank Leumi	45100	1442	-1.0
Bank Hapoalim	70000	1248	+0.4
Bank Mizrahi	178000	10	-1.0
Bank Leumi	42250	1824	-1.0
Bank Hapoalim	98000	1	-1.0
Mortgage Banks & Finance			
Bank Leumi	9700	10	+2.1
Bank Hapoalim	2440	1280	-3.0
Bank Mizrahi	2720	50	-1.0
Bank Leumi	20500	102	-3.0
Bank Hapoalim	8215	31	-1.0
Bank Mizrahi	13150	78	-1.0
Bank Leumi	19550	36	+0.5
Insurance			
Arava	1075	120	+1.9
Phoenix	1720	350	-2.0
Herzliya	5497	72	-1.0
Menorah	2185	2	-1.0
Sahar	368	2267	-0.2
Scotia	1032	230	-2.0
Zion Hold.	6130	1	-0.0
Trade & Services			
Intersec	2700	267	-3.7
Meh Ezer	925	1467	-1.0
Crytal	800	245	-1.0
Lighting	620	361	-1.0
Cold Storage	1100	666	-0.7
Don Hotels	1810	65	-1.0
Cost Beach	620	361	-1.0
Yarden Hotel	2605	30	-0.2
Hilton I.O.	402	6005	-2.4
M.L.L. I.O.	1200	78	-1.0
Team I.O.	710	78	-1.0
Real Estate, Building and Agriculture			
Al-Ram	328	916	-1.7
Africa	50100	30	-1.0
Africa	40280	147	-1.0
Africa	2380	180	+1.0
Delek	6300	192	-1.0
J.E.C.	280	3572	-1.0
Bank Leumi	6555	441	-0.4
Bank Hapoalim	10000	40	+0.9
Bank Mizrahi	238	10000	-2.0
Bank Leumi	6940	482	-0.3
Bank Hapoalim	1654	215	-1.0
Industrials			
Delek	5840	128	-1.0
Tempo	3300	22	-0.5

Statistics

Stock Indices			
General Share (end argmt.)	125.37	-0.25%	
Non-argmt.	174.14	-1.55%	
Arrangement Banks	122.04	+0.21%	
Banking	125.85	-0.04%	
Insurance	56.11	-0.27%	
Commerce & Services	134.86	-0.85%	
Real Estate & Agric.	118.85	-0.85%	
Industrials	125.83	-0.70%	
Food & Tobacco	127.17	-0.39%	
Textiles	117.04	-0.74%	
Metals	121.23	-0.27%	
Chemicals	117.17	-0.39%	
Chemicals	145.87	-0.51%	
Industrial Invest.	136.83	-1.23%	
Industrial Cos.	148.42	-1.29%	
Oil Exploration	122.41	-0.13%	
Bond Indices			
End-of-the-month	118.26	-0.15%	
Fully linked	118.26	-0.15%	
Partially linked	112.21	-0.08%	
Foreign Currency	110.82	-0.39%	
PC Indexed	113.29	-0.37%	
Short-term 3-6 yrs	122.61	-0.28%	
Medium-term 3-6 yrs	112.75	-0.05%	
Long-term 7-9 yrs	121.31	+0.10%	
Long-term 10-15 yrs	122.46	-0.05%	
Turnovers			
Total Shares	NIS 10,405,000		
Non-argmt.	NIS 6,715,700		
Arrangement	NIS 3,388,300		
Bonds	NIS 8,272,500		
Treasury Bills	NIS 1,832,700		
Share Movements			
Advances	73		
Declines	199		
Unchanged	134		
Bond Market Trends			
3% Fully linked	Moved to 1%		
4.25% Fully linked	Moved to 1%		
General Govt. Bonds	Substantially to 4%		
Arrangement Yields			
Bank Leumi	10.87%		
Bank Hapoalim	11.22%		
Bank Mizrahi	11.57%		
Bank Leumi	10.87%		
Bank Hapoalim	11.22%		
Bank Mizrahi	11.57%		

Israel Money Markets

Shekel Deposits (annual rates)

Bank	Term	Rate	7 days	14 days	30 days
Bank Leumi	100,000	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Bank Hapoalim	100,000	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Bank Mizrahi	100,000	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Bank Leumi	10,000	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Bank Hapoalim	10,000	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Bank Mizrahi	10,000	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Bank Leumi	1,000	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Bank Hapoalim	1,000	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Bank Mizrahi	1,000	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Bank Leumi	100	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Bank Hapoalim	100	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Bank Mizrahi	100	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00

Patash (foreign currency deposit rates, August 24)

Currency	3 months	6 months	12 months
U.S. dollar (USD 100,000)	8.250	8.500	8.750
Swiss franc (CHF 100,000)	8.250	8.500	8.750
Deutsche mark (DM 100,000)	2.875	3.250	3.375
Swiss franc (CHF 50,000)	2.875	3.250	3.375
Yen (JPY 1,000,000)	2.875	3.250	3.375

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI, Rates vary according to size of deposit.

Foreign Exchange Rates (August 24)

Currency	Bank Leumi	Bank Hapoalim	Bank Mizrahi
U.S. dollar	1.8800	1.8800	1.8800
Deutsche mark	0.5701	0.5701	0.5701
Swiss franc	2.8800	2.8800	2.8800
Japanese yen (100)	1.1947	1.1947	1.1947
Dutch florin	0.7727	0.7727	0.7727
Swedish krona	1.0488	1.0488	1.0488
Norwegian krona	0.3891	0.3891	0.3891
Denmark krone	0.2289	0.2289	0.2289
French franc	0.2037	0.2037	0.2037
Canadian dollar	1.2085	1.2085	1.2085
Australian dollar	1.1382	1.1382	1.1382
S. African rand	0.7734	0.7734	0.7734
Belgian franc (100)	0.4184	0.4184	0.4184
Austrian schilling (100)	1.2388	1.2388	1.2388
Italian lire (1000)	1.2324	1.2324	1.2324
Japanese yen	1.1947	1.1947	1.1947
Yishuv	2.3231	2.3231	2.3231
Spanish peseta (100)	1.2888	1.2888	1.2888

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI, August 24.

Foreign Markets

EUROPEAN FINANCIAL MARKETS (August 24)

Precious Metals

Gold	London	Am
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